

## For Immediate Release:

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## Route 7/Wittpenn Bridge lane and ramp closures Tuesday and Wednesday nights for gate tests in Kearny and Jersey City Series of temporary 15-minute stoppages overnight also necessary

**(Trenton)** – The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) today announced lane and ramp closures tonight and Wednesday night on the Route 7/Wittpenn Bridge between Jersey City and Kearny in Hudson County. In addition, there will be a series of temporary, 15-minute stoppages of traffic on both nights. Motorists are advised to seek alternate routes.

Beginning at 9 p.m. tonight, Tuesday, September 10 until 5 a.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, September 11, and again on Wednesday, September 11 at the same time, the center and right lanes on Route 7 in both directions are scheduled to be closed before the Wittpenn Bridge. One lane will be maintained overnight.

In addition, the ramp from Fish House Road to Route 7 eastbound in Kearny and the ramp from Route 1&9 northbound to Route 7 westbound in Jersey City are scheduled to be closed and detoured Tuesday, September 10 and Wednesday, September 11 from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. the next day. There also will be temporary, 15-minute stoppages of traffic on Route 7 in both directions on both nights between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. the next day. The closures are necessary to test the safety gates and systems on the bridge. The following detours will be in place:

## Fish House Road northbound ramp to Route 7 eastbound Detour:

- Motorists on Fish House Road wishing to access Route 7 eastbound will be directed to stay right and continue onto Route 7 westbound
- Bear left onto CR 508 westbound, Newark/Jersey City Turnpike by following signs for Harrison/Newark/I-280/NJ Turnpike
- Take the first exit ramp on the right to Route 7 eastbound/Route 1&9 Jersey City
- Continue onto Route 7 eastbound

## Route 1&9 Truck northbound ramp to Route 7/Wittpenn Bridge Detour:

- Motorist on Route 1&9 Truck northbound wishing to take the ramp to Route 7/Wittpenn
  Bridge will be directed to take the exit for St. Paul's Avenue
- Turn right on St. Paul's Avenue
- Turn left to take the ramp to Route 7 westbound/Kearny/Bayonne/Newark

The work is part of Route 7/Wittpenn Bridge over the Hackensack River project that replaced the existing bridge with a new, wider vertical lift bridge. The new bridge doubles the vertical clearance over Hackensack River from 35-feet to 70-feet, resulting in fewer openings and less congestion.

The precise timing of the work is subject to change due to weather or other factors. Motorists are encouraged to check NJDOT's traffic information website <a href="https://www.511nj.org">www.511nj.org</a> for real-time travel information, and for NJDOT news follow us on X (Twitter) <a href="https://www.seyboot.com/www.seyboot/">@NewJerseyDOT</a> or on the <a href="https://www.seyboot/">NJDOT</a> Facebook page.

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