



# NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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## **Route 7/Wittpenn Bridge temporary closures tonight for operational verification in Kearny and Jersey City Series of temporary 15-minute stoppages necessary overnight**

**(Trenton)** – The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) today announced a series of temporary closures tonight on the Route 7/Wittpenn Bridge between Jersey City and Kearny in Hudson County. Motorists are advised to seek alternate routes.

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Monday, September 16 until 5 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, September 17, the Route 7/Wittpenn Bridge is scheduled to have a series of 15-minute, temporary traffic stoppages in both directions. The temporary closures are necessary to lift the bridge to verify proper operation of the gates, barriers, and lift span machinery. If work is not completed tonight, there will be 15-minute, temporary traffic stoppages in both directions on Tuesday, September 17 at the same time. This work is a continuation of testing that began last week.

The work is part of the 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 [www.511nj.org](http://www.511nj.org) for real-time travel information, and for NJDOT news follow us on X (Twitter) [@NewJerseyDOT](https://twitter.com/NewJerseyDOT) or on the [NJDOT Facebook page](#).

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