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Route 1&9 southbound ramp to Wilson Avenue to be closed and detoured tonight in Newark Overnight detour necessary for continuation of conduit installation

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the Route 1&9 southbound ramp to Wilson Avenue in Newark will be closed and detoured tonight as the Pulaski Skyway rehabilitation advances.

Beginning at 10 p.m. tonight, Thursday, August 22 until 6 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, August 23, NJDOT's contractor, Union Paving, is scheduled to close the Route 1&9 southbound ramp to Wilson Avenue in Newark to continue work to install new traffic signal conduit across the ramp for the ongoing upgrading of the Wilson Avenue intersection traffic signals. The closure will not affect the Skyway. The following detour will be in place overnight:

Route 1&9 southbound Wilson Avenue Exit detour

- Motorists on Route 1&9 south wishing to use the Wilson Avenue exit in Newark will be directed to continue on Route 1&9 south
- Take the exit for I-78 west to Garden State Parkway/Port Newark
- Stay in the right lane and take the Frontage Road exit
- At the stop sign, turn right onto Frontage Road
- Go under Route 1&9 and take the ramp to Route 1&9 north
- Take Route 1&9 north to the Delancy Street exit
- Turn left onto Delancy Street
- Turn right onto Stockton Street to Wilson Avenue

This work is part of the \$80.8 million Pulaski Skyway Contract 7, which began in December 2017 to rehabilitate the Route 1&9 southbound Newark exit ramp and other structural elements around the piers on the north and south ends of the Pulaski Skyway. Other project improvements include lighting upgrades; steel repair; the installation of a guiderail along the Newark ramp; and the reconstruction of the intersection and upgrade of the traffic signal where the Route 1&9 ramp meets Wilson Avenue and Stockton Street in Newark under Route 1&9. The resurfacing of all lanes of Route 1&9 between the Pulaski Skyway and the Delancy Street overpass was completed earlier in this project. Contract 7 is scheduled to be completed by late 2020.

NJDOT created a project-specific website - <u>www.pulaskiskyway.com</u> - which contains a wealth of information about the Skyway and the project, and will be updated with relevant new information as work progresses. The Department is carefully coordinating the Pulaski Skyway project with other regional transportation infrastructure projects to minimize traffic congestion.

The Department has a project hotline telephone number, 973-776-7400, and email,

<u>Pulaski.Skyway@dot.nj.gov</u>. Anyone who has questions, concerns, or suggestions is encouraged to contact the Project Outreach Team as work progresses.

NJDOT will be using Variable Message Signs to provide advance notification to motorists of traffic pattern changes associated with the work. Follow us on Twitter @Skywayrehab and visit <u>www.511nj.org</u> for travel advisories.

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