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Pulaski Skyway southbound to be closed the next two weekends Deck panel installation requires full closures

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the Pulaski Skyway is scheduled to be closed in both directions this weekend and next weekend to install deck panels as the rehabilitation of the historic 83-year-old bridge advances.

Beginning at 10 p.m. tonight, Friday, April 8, through 2 p.m. Saturday, April 9, NJDOT's contractor, CCA Civil Inc. is scheduled to close the Pulaski Skyway southbound at the off-ramp to I-280/Route 7 and Route 1&9 southbound to install deck panels. The southbound lanes are expected to be closed again next weekend, Friday, April 15 through Sunday, April 17, to continue the deck panel installation.

The full closure includes most on and off ramps, including the southbound on ramp from Tonnele Circle. The ramp from the Route 139 westbound to I-280/Route 7 and Route 1&9 southbound will remain open. NJDOT has created a <u>video</u> that shows options for alternate routes to help motorists navigate the closures, which can be found on the NJDOT YouTube channel.

The following detours will be in place:

Southbound Traffic (toward Newark):

Leaving the Holland Tunnel, motorists will have the following options:

- Stay to the far right and take the NJ Turnpike-Hudson County Extension to all destinations west and south, including I-78.
- Stay to the left and follow signs for Route 139 West, then stay left to Route 1&9 Truck southbound towards Newark, Route 7 and I-280.
- Motorists should avoid the ramp from Route 139/Covered Roadway that leads into the Tonnele Circle because of expected heavy congestion.

Local Traffic for Jersey City:

• Stay to the middle to take Route 139 Upper Roadway and follow signs to Kennedy Boulevard/Jersey City, to best access many local Jersey City locations and other points north (Secaucus).

Northbound Traffic (toward Jersey City):

Northbound traffic will continue to utilize the same Skyway alternate routes that have been in effect since the northbound lanes were closed last year:

- NJ Turnpike-Hudson County Extension
- Route 1&9 Truck northbound
- Communipaw Avenue to access local Jersey City Locations.

NJDOT created a project-specific website - www.pulaskiskyway.com - 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, Pulaski.Skyway@dot.nj.gov. 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 www.511nj.org for travel advisories.

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