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Pulaski Skyway will be closed in both directions for the weekend This is the sixth full closure this spring to install deck panels

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today are reminding motorists the Pulaski Skyway will be closed in both directions for the weekend for the installation of new deck panels as the rehabilitation of the historic 83-year-old bridge advances.

Beginning at 11 p.m. tonight, Friday, June 5, through 3 p.m. Sunday, June 7, 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 for the installation of new deck panels and other related work.

The full closure includes most on and off ramps, including the southbound on ramp from Tonnele Circle. The ramp from the Skyway to I-280/Route 7 and Route 1&9 southbound will remain open.

Due to the temporary installation of metal plates on the Skyway, motorcycles are strongly advised to find an alternate route or use extreme caution when traveling on the southbound lanes of the Pulaski Skyway when it is open.

This is the sixth scheduled full weekend closure of the Skyway. 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 <u>NJDOT</u> <u>YouTube channel</u>.

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 - <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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