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## Additional full weekend closures scheduled on the Pulaski Skyway Work starting this weekend will help make up for lost time during this past winter

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced another series of full closures of the Pulaski Skyway this summer to install deck panels in an effort to make up for lost time following the harsh winter and the discovery of greater steel deterioration than expected.

Over the past few months, there were eight full closures of the Pulaski Skyway to install floor beams that go across both the northbound and southbound lanes. The final full-width floor beam installation was completed last weekend.

NJDOT's contractor, CCA Civil Inc., took advantage of these full closures to mitigate lost time on the redecking of the northbound lanes that resulted from the extremely harsh winter and the additional steel deterioration that was uncovered. The upcoming full closures will allow the contractor to further mitigate these delays by positioning cranes on the southbound lanes to provide a quicker and more efficient method to install the deck panels.

Beginning at 11 p.m. Friday, July 17, through 9 p.m. Saturday, July 18, 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 complete grouting work, steel repair, and preparation work in anticipation of further deck installation scheduled for the upcoming weekends.

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.

For each of the following six weekends, starting Friday, July 24, the Pulaski Skyway southbound will be closed at 11 p.m. Friday through 3 p.m. Sunday, to allow new deck panels to be placed and grouting operations to continue. In addition, other construction activities will be advanced during these weekends to mitigate the current delay. These summertime weekend full closures are scheduled through the weekend of August 28 through 30.

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 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 - <a href="www.pulaskiskyway.com">www.pulaskiskyway.com</a> - 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, <a href="mailto:Pulaski.Skyway@dot.nj.gov">Pulaski.Skyway@dot.nj.gov</a>. 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 <a href="www.511nj.org">www.511nj.org</a> for travel advisories.

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