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Pulaski Skyway full closure this weekend in preparation for traffic shift onto completed southbound lanes Traffic shift necessary step to reopening northbound lanes this summer

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced that southbound traffic on the Pulaski Skyway is scheduled to be shifted from the northbound lanes back onto the newly completed southbound lanes on Monday in advance of reopening to two-way traffic this summer as the redecking portion of the \$1 billion rehabilitation project nears completion.

In order to implement the traffic shift, a full closure of the Skyway is necessary this weekend.

To avoid delays, NJDOT is encouraging motorists to use the NJ Turnpike-Hudson County Extension to all destinations west and south, including I-78, or to I-280/Route 7 and Route 1&9 Truck southbound.

Beginning at 11 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, June 1 until 5 a.m. Monday, June 4, NJDOT's contractor, CCA Civil Inc.-Daidone Joint Venture, is scheduled to close the Pulaski Skyway southbound at the off ramp to I-280/Route 7 and Route 1&9 southbound to remove construction barrier and restripe the roadway in order to shift southbound traffic back onto the completed southbound lanes by Monday morning.

Before northbound traffic can be restored, the temporary guiderail separating northbound and southbound lanes will be removed and minor paving will be completed. In addition, the median barrier will be installed on a portion of the east end of the Skyway. Once this work is completed over the next several weeks, the northbound lanes will be reopened.

Heavy congestion and delays are expected in Tonnele Circle this weekend during the full closure. The work is being coordinated with adjacent projects. The Pulaski Skyway Contract 2 project that is rehabilitating Route 139 upper and lower levels will be working however, traffic will be maintained westbound on the lower level this weekend.

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 – ***This is the recommended option.***
- Stay to the left and follow signs for Route 139 West, then to Route 1&9 Truck southbound towards Newark, Route 7 and I-280.

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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