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River Road bridge and ramps to be closed and detoured as project to replace bridge over I-287 advances in Piscataway Overnight closures necessary for water main installation

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the overnight closures of the River Road Bridge over I-287 as the bridge replacement project advances in Piscataway, Middlesex County.

Beginning at 9 p.m. tonight, Thursday, May 19, until 5 a.m. Friday, May 20, and continuing nightly until Friday, May 20, NJDOT's contractor, Ritacco Construction, Inc., is scheduled to close the River Road Bridge over I-287 in both directions. In addition, the ramp from River Road northbound to I-287 northbound and the ramp from River Road southbound to I-287 southbound will be closed and detoured. This is a continuation of work that began Monday night, May 16. These closures will allow the contractor to install a new water main. The following detours will be in place:

River Road northbound to I-287 northbound detour:

- Motorists on River Road northbound wishing to continue on River Road or I-287 northbound will be directed to take the ramp to I-287 southbound
- Take Exit 8 Route 18/Centennial Avenue/Highland Park/Middlesex
- Turn left onto Centennial Avenue
- Turn left onto Possumtown Road
- Turn left to take the ramp from Possumtown Road to I-287 northbound

Motorists wishing to take River Road northbound:

- Take Exit 9 River Road/Bound Brook/Highland Park back to River Road northbound

River Road southbound to I-287 southbound detour:

- Motorists on River Road southbound wishing to continue on River Road or I-287 southbound will be directed to take the ramp to I-287 northbound
- Take Exit 10 CR 527/Easton Avenue/New Brunswick/South Bound Brook
- Stay left to take the ramp to CR 527 South/Easton Avenue/New Brunswick
- Continue on Easton Avenue/CR 527
- Take the ramp to I-287 South/Perth Amboy

Motorists wishing to take River Road southbound:

- Take Exit 9 River Road/Bound Brook/Highland Park back to River Road southbound

The \$13.5 million federally-funded project will reconstruct the River Road Bridge over I-287, which is in poor condition. The bridge will be reconstructed with two lanes in each direction and six foot sidewalks

with pedestrian fencing. The project is designed to advance in stages to minimize the impact to motorists. The project is anticipated to be complete by winter 2024.

The precise timing of the work is subject to change due to weather or other factors. Motorists are encouraged to check NJDOT's traffic information website www.511nj.org for construction updates and real-time travel information. For NJDOT news follow us on Twitter [@NewJerseyDOT](https://twitter.com/NewJerseyDOT) and our [Facebook page](#).

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