



NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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Fish House Road near Route 7/Wittpenn Bridge to be closed and detoured this weekend in Kearny Closure necessary for demolition of old bridge

(Trenton) – The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) today announced Fish House Road is scheduled to be closed in both directions near Route 7/Wittpenn Bridge this weekend in Kearny.

Beginning at 9 p.m., tonight, Friday, September 9 until 5 a.m. Monday, September 12, NJDOT's contractor, George Harms Inc., is scheduled to close Fish House Road in both directions near the Route 7/Wittpenn Bridge in Kearny. The closure is necessary for demolition of the old Route 7 bridge crossing over Fish House Road. The Route 7 eastbound ramp to Fish House Road will only be open to local traffic going to Bellezza and Owens Corning. The ramp from Fish House Road northbound to Route 7 eastbound will remain open. The following detours will be in place:

Fish House Road northbound to Route 7 westbound detour:

- Motorists on Fish House Road northbound wishing to access Route 7 westbound will be directed to stay left and continue onto Route 7 eastbound
- Cross the Route 7/Wittpenn Bridge
- Stay in the right lane which becomes the exit ramp to Route 139 east/Hoboken/Holland Tunnel
- Stay in the right lane to take the exit for St. Paul's Avenue
- Turn left on St. Paul's Avenue
- Turn left on James Avenue
- Turn right onto the ramp to Route 7 westbound

Route 7 eastbound to Fish House Road southbound detour:

- Motorists on Route 7 eastbound wishing to take the Fish House Road southbound exit will be directed to continue on Route 7 eastbound across the Wittpenn Bridge
- Stay in the right lane which becomes the exit ramp to Route 139 east/Hoboken/Holland Tunnel
- Stay in the right lane to take the exit for St. Paul's Avenue
- Turn left on St. Paul's Avenue
- Turn left on James Avenue
- Turn right onto the ramp to Route 7 westbound
- Cross the Wittpenn Bridge
- Stay right and take the exit for Fish House Road

About the Project

The Route 7/Wittpenn Bridge over the Hackensack River project replaced the existing bridge with a new, wider vertical lift bridge. The new bridge doubles the vertical clearance over Hackensack River from 35-feet to 70-feet, resulting in fewer openings and less congestion.

Construction of the new bridge is being accomplished in [five separate contracts](#). The first three contracts have been completed and included advance utility work, and building the Fish House Road Pump Station, roadway embankments, river piers, fender system and a portion of the approach spans for the new vertical lift bridge. The fourth and fifth contracts are nearing completion. The Newark Avenue ramp in Jersey City, the last major element of the project, is under construction.

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