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New ramp from Route 1&9 Truck southbound to Newark Avenue to open on Friday night in Jersey City Jughandle also allows U-turn back to Route 1&9 Truck northbound

(Trenton) – A new ramp from Route 1&9 Truck southbound to Newark Avenue in Jersey City is scheduled to open at 9 p.m. Friday, April 21 as the Route 7/Wittpenn Bridge project nears completion.

The new ramp is a jughandle that will allow Route 1&9 Truck southbound traffic to make a left turn onto Newark Avenue or make a U-turn to get on Route 1&9 Truck northbound. Without this ramp, Route 1&9 Truck southbound traffic would not be able to access Newark Avenue. This is the last of the new ramps built as part of the Route 7/Wittpenn Bridge Contract 4.

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 <u>five separate contracts</u>. 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.

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