Route 70 westbound bridge deck project over Route 38 to begin third stage in Pennsauken
Contractor to reopen center lane of traffic and close left travel lane this weekend

(Trenton) - NJDOT officials today announced that a new traffic pattern is scheduled to be implemented this weekend on the Route 70 westbound bridge over Route 38 as the bridge deck replacement project enters the next stage of construction in Pennsauken, Camden County.

NJDOT’s contractor, R.E. Pierson Construction, is scheduled to set up a new construction zone in the left, inside travel lane on the bridge, requiring the long-term closure of the lane. The center and right two travel lanes - the portions of the bridge reconstructed in the first two stages - will be maintained during morning and evening peak period commuting hours. As with the previous stage of construction, the contractor will be allowed to periodically close an additional lane, thereby reducing Route 70 westbound down to one travel lane, during overnight and mid-day hours for crucial deck pouring operations.

The $3.9 million project began construction in April with the contractor replacing the old structurally-deficient bridge deck in three stages – one travel lane at time – necessitating a reduction from three travel lanes to two lanes on Route 70 westbound on the bridge throughout construction. The contractor completed the second stage of construction, to rebuild the center portion of the bridge, in less than one month. The final stage of construction will build the new sidewalk and staircase. The project remains on schedule for completion this winter.

All available travel lanes on Route 38 underneath the bridge are open during daytime hours utilizing traffic shifts, however overnight single-lane closures are allowed on Route 38 to accommodate construction activities at the bridge. The Route 70 westbound exit ramp to Route 38 eastbound remains open throughout construction.

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 real-time travel information.

http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/about/press/2013/120513p.shtm

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