

## MOTORIST ADVISORY

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## Phase II of Delaware Memorial Bridge Deck Project to Begin Next Week Two Left Lanes Closed; Bypass Lane of Delaware-bound Span Created

**NEW CASTLE, Del.** – Today, Delaware River and Bay Authority (DRBA) officials announced that construction work to prepare for Phase II of the major construction project to rehabilitate the bridge deck (driving surface) of the New Jersey bound span of the Delaware Memorial Bridge (DMB) will begin on February 1, 2023. Once initial setup of lane closures is complete, two (2) left lanes of the northbound span will be continuously closed until just before the Memorial Day holiday weekend.

Beginning at night on February 1 and continuing through February 4, construction crews will be working to establish the bypass lane on the Delaware bound span of the Delaware Memorial Bridge. The two left lanes heading to Delaware will be closed at night from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.; with a third lane closed from 10:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m. Once the bypass lane is created on the Delaware bound span, work will shift to the New Jersey bound span.

While DRBA engineers have designed the project to minimize traffic delays to the extent possible, motorists may encounter them, particularly during rush hour time periods and peak weekend travel times. The safety of the traveling public and on-site highway contractors is the agency's highest priority. Commuters and travelers are urged to be careful and to stay alert in and around construction zones and obey all posted speed limit signs.

For the latest in traffic information and project updates, follow the Bridge on Twitter @demembridge or sign up for text alerts at <u>www.bridgealerts.com</u>.

## About the Delaware River and Bay Authority

The DRBA, a bi-state governmental agency created by Compact in 1962, owns and operates the Delaware Memorial Bridge, the Cape May- Lewes Ferry, and the Forts Ferry Crossing. The DRBA also manages corporate and aviation properties through its economic development powers - two airports in New Jersey (Millville Airport and Cape May Airport) and three in Delaware (New Castle Airport, Civil Air Terminal and Delaware Airpark). All DRBA operating revenues are generated through the bridge, ferry and airport facilities. For more information, visit www.drba.net.