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Phase III of Delaware Memorial Bridge Deck Project to Begin in September *Construction Activity Closes Two Right Lanes of New Jersey Bound Span for Two Months*

NEW CASTLE, Del. – Today, Delaware River and Bay Authority (DRBA) officials announced that construction work to prepare for Phase III – the third and final phase 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 or about the night of September 4th, 2023. Once the lane closures have been set up, two (2) right lanes of the northbound span will be continuously closed until Thanksgiving week.

Beginning at night on September 4 and continuing to September 8, 2023, construction crews will work to establish the bypass lane on the Delaware bound span of the Delaware Memorial Bridge. While the bypass lane is being created, the two left lanes of the Delaware bound structure will be closed from 9:00 PM to 6:00 AM, with a third lane closed from 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM. Once opened to traffic this bypass lane will reroute one lane of the New Jersey bound traffic to the exterior lane of the Delaware bound bridge and will only accommodate cars headed for the New Jersey Turnpike.

DRBA engineers have designed the project to minimize traffic congestion on the bridges, however, congestion may still occur during rush hour periods and peak weekend travel times. The Authority's highest priority is the safety of the traveling public and urges drivers to be careful, stay alert and obey all posted speed limit signs.

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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.