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First Phase of Bridge Joint Replacement Project Complete Ahead of Schedule

All Bridge Traffic Lanes Open for Thanksgiving Week

NEW CASTLE, Del. – Today, Delaware River and Bay Authority (DRBA) officials announced that its contractor will complete Phase One of the bridge joint replacement project at 5:30 AM on Saturday, November 21, four days ahead of schedule. As a result, all eight traffic lanes of the Delaware Memorial Bridge will be open for Thanksgiving week.

"I'm very pleased that we are able to reopen all travel lanes to traffic ahead of schedule, allowing full access to our bridge in advance of the busy Thanksgiving travel period," said DRBA Executive Director Joel V. Coppadge. "I want to commend our entire team for expediting this work and we thank the traveling public for their patience and perseverance during the construction period."

Coppadge noted that the right two lanes on the New Jersey-bound are now equipped with new bridge expansion and relief joints. The second phase of this project, set to begin in February 2027 and conclude before Memorial Day weekend, will rehabilitate the left two lanes of the same structure.

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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 Delaware City – Salem 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 (Wilmington Airport - ILG, 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.