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NOTICE

The Townsends Inlet Bridge between Avalon and Sea Isle City will be closed from 10:00pm Friday, November 10th to 5:00am Saturday, November 11th to install the concrete construction barrier curb and temporary traffic signal system for the first phase of work under the Bridge Railing Replacement project. When traffic is permitted on the bridge at 5am on Saturday, the southbound lane will be closed to traffic and alternating traffic will be maintained in the northbound lane by a temporary traffic signal system. No tolls will be collected when the bridge is reduced to one lane of traffic.

The project involves the removal of the existing deteriorated steel bridge railing and the installation of a new standard steel 4-bar railing system on 25 of 27 spans of the bridge. The railing in two spans were replaced under a previous construction contract. To install the new rail system, a portion of the existing concrete deck in the area of each rail post is removed and new reinforcement steel and concrete is placed. This is the same railing system that was installed on the Corsons Inlet Bridge in 2012.

The project is divided into four phases. The first two phases are on the Sea Isle City half of the bridge with the first phase of work occurring in the southbound lane from the north abutment located in Sea Isle City to the tollbooth. The second phase would be a repeat of the first phase except the work will be in the northbound lane. The third and fourth phases involve the Avalon half of the bridge and the work is from the movable span to the south abutment. The movable span, which is required to open upon demand from a marine vessel, is not impacted by the construction of this project.

Variable message signs advising motorists of the bridge work have already been put into place and will remain in place for the duration of the project.

The work area is separated from the travel lane by a concrete construction barrier. Unfortunately due to the narrow width of the existing bridge, the one lane of traffic being maintained on the bridge will only be 10 feet in width, thus there is no room for error. The one lane operation for traffic is expected run until June 2018. Motorists are requested to drive with care when passing through the construction zone.

This work is part of the County's \$2,678,715 construction contract awarded by the Cape May County Board of Chosen Freeholders to Thomas Marine Construction, Inc., South Dennis, NJ on September 12, 2017. The construction operations are being overseen by Remington & Vernick Engineers, Haddonfield, NJ.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Cape May County Public Works Department at (609) 465-1035.