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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD ISSUES ‘NOTICE TO MARINERS’ AMIDST GROSSE ILE PARKWAY BRIDGE CLOSURE

WAYNE COUNTY – The Grosse Ile Parkway Bridge was officially closed to vehicular traffic as of 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 6, 2020. It was originally anticipated that there would be a brief overlap with the Jefferson Avenue Bridge project; however, the Jefferson Avenue Bridge was fully re-opened prior to the closure of the Parkway Bridge.

As a result of the closure, a Notice to Mariners has been broadcasted by the United States Coast Guard (USCG) regarding changes to the marine traffic schedule and clearances.

Most notably the following changes are in effect for marine traffic:

The bridge will only operate with a two (2) hour advance notice of arrival between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. daily. Mariners must contact the bridge tender on Marine Channel 16. (This is for both commercial and recreational, the bridge will no longer open on the :15 and :45 of each hour from 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.)

Scaffolding will be in place under the bridge, extending no more than five (5) feet below low steel, there will be lights in place to warn mariners; however, those recreational vehicles that normally pass under the bridge without a need for opening should take extra caution ensuring that they account for a reduction in the vertical clearance under the bridge. If these recreational vehicles are no longer able
to pass under the bridge due to the scaffolding, they must call for a bridge opening, following the procedure for the two (2) hour call ahead.

Full details regarding the marine changes are attached. For additional updates and questions, the public can contact the Wayne County Roads Division at 888.ROAD CREW or residents and visitors can subscribe to email notifications of bridge updates, construction and maintenance updates and news in their communities via waynecounty.com (https://www.waynecounty.com/departments/publicservices/roads/road-construction-updates.aspx).

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April 24, 2020

GROSSE ILE PARKWAY BRIDGE OVER TRENTON CHANNEL TO CLOSE MAY 6 FOR MAJOR REHABILITATION

WAYNE COUNTY – Despite the current COVID-19 pandemic, Wayne County maintains its commitment to improving infrastructure for residents and visitors alike. The Department of Public Services Engineering Division will close the Grosse Ile Parkway Bridge over Trenton Channel on Wednesday, May 6th at 9:00 a.m. for long awaited bridge repairs and rehabilitation. It is expected that the bridge will remain closed for an extended period throughout the summer and into the fall with a projected re-opening in December 2020, barring any unforeseen delays or inclement weather.

Motorists should plan ahead for travel. The following detours have been provided:

- Traffic traveling into Grosse Ile Township from the City of Trenton - detour at Grosse Ile Parkway and Jefferson Road, proceed northbound to West Jefferson Road toward Bridge Road for access to the Grosse Ile Toll Bridge.
- Traffic traveling from Grosse Ile Township into the City of Trenton - detour at Meridian Road and proceed northbound for access to the Grosse Ile Toll Bridge.

Leading up to the May 6th closure of the Grosse Ile Parkway Bridge, the County will also make small improvements to the Jefferson Avenue Bridge over Monguagon Creek; this is the smaller bridge located southwest of the Grosse Ile Toll Bridge. Work on the Jefferson Avenue Bridge project will start on April 30th and is anticipated to end May 8th, barring any unforeseen delays. There will be a brief overlap in the two bridge projects, which was unavoidable, in order to perform necessary repairs on the Jefferson Avenue Bridge. Motorists will experience additional delays during the first few days of the overlapping
One lane, in each direction, will remain open on the Jefferson Avenue Bridge for the duration of that project.

“We understand that we’re in the midst of unprecedented times, however, safety and integrity remain as top priorities of our administration” says Beverly J. Watts, Director of the Department Public Services. “We have a responsibility to the citizens of Grosse Ile to uphold our commitment to improve the Grosse Ile Parkway Bridge and with the help of our consultants, constituents and colleagues, we’re able to do so safely and cohesively” Watts adds.

The Grosse Ile Bridge is a 90-year-old historic bridge. The County performed emergency repairs on the bridge back in November 2019. The upcoming rehabilitation will increase the life expectancy of the bridge and lift current weight restrictions.

Wayne County is committed to the safety of its roads and bridges. The County has 232 bridges within its 43 communities. For updates and questions, the public can contact the Wayne County Roads Division at 888.ROAD CREW or residents and visitors can subscribe to email notifications of bridge updates, construction and maintenance updates and news in their communities via waynecounty.com (https://www.waynecounty.com/departments/publicservices/roads/road-construction-updates.aspx).

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Grosse Ile Bridge Update – 5/22/20

Our consultants working to install beams during the first phase of the rehabilitation project, which will be used to support scaffolding along the Grose Ile Parkway Bridge.
Grosse Ile Bridge Update – 6/12/20

The following work has been completed to date on the bridge:

- Installation of the handrails for the Safespan platforms in preparation for the removal of the steel grid decking.
- The curb has been saw cut at areas where the repair requires the deck to be removed.
- Existing weld removal between the grid decking and the structural steel has begun and is required in order to remove the decking.
- Safespan platforms and handrail installation.
- All needle beam to girder connections have been installed and welded.
- Installation of walkways for work on two of the piers
On June 29th and June 30th at 4:00 pm there is an underwater inspections scheduled at the Grosse Ile Parkway Bridge. The inspection will take place on the submerged pier units. In order to ensure the safety of our contractors, boaters are asked not to travel near the bridge during the time of the inspection. This will ensure the safety of the contractors, divers and residents alike.

The contractor continued with the removal of the steel deck grating this week. Painters continued with abrasive blasting containment construction. Abrasive blasting and prime coat application was performed in Spans 12, 11, 8, and 7 which was then followed by prime coating of blasted floorbeams.