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Notice of Closure of Townsend Inlet Bridge

SEA ISLE CITY, NJ -- On Monday September 17th beginning around 4:00am, the Townsend's Inlet Bridge will be closed as part of the planned replacement of spans 1-7 at the southerly end of the bridge. It is anticipated that the bridge will remain closed until May 22nd as the County's contractor, Agate construction, removes this portion of the structure. The proposed work will include the demolition of spans 1-7, installation of new piling, installation of new pier caps, installation of new stringers and installation of a new concrete deck and railing system at these spans. Thru traffic heading north along Ocean Drive (C.R. 619) will be detoured onto Avalon Boulevard (C.R. 601). Thru traffic heading south along Landis Avenue (C.R.619) will be detoured onto Sea Isle Boulevard (C.R. 625). Residents living adjacent to the Bridge will have full access to their homes at all times.

Ocean Drive will be closed just north of 4th Avenue on the south side of the bridge, no traffic will be permitted to travel north beyond that point due to the construction staging area. Pedestrian access will not be permitted beyond this point including the portion of the adjacent seawall. Fishing on the bridge and along the adjacent seawall within the project limits will be prohibited due to safety concerns.

No vehicles, bicycles or pedestrians will be permitted to enter beyond the staging area at the south end of the bridge. An ongoing bridge railing project at the northerly portion of the bridge will prevent vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians from entering the northerly bridge approach.

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Work hours will generally be from 6:00am until 5:00pm Monday thru Friday with Saturday work beginning on September 29th. Depending upon the progress of the project, the contractor may be working double shifts from 6:00am until 10pm starting in October. The demolition of the bridge spans is expected to begin on Friday September 28th with the first 3 spans and pier 2 expected to be removed by October 4th. Boaters are urged to stay clear of the various barges that will be on site for the construction activities.