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DRBA Closes Freeman Highway for Concrete Work *One Day Closure to Take Place on Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

(*Lewes, DE*) Today, Delaware River and Bay Authority (DRBA) officials announced that the Freeman Highway Bridge will be closed all day Tuesday, May 11, 2010, for concrete deck placement work. Weather permitting, the contractor, Mumford & Miller of Middletown, Delaware, will be placing the new latex-modified concrete overlay on the Bridge.

The closure will start on Monday, May 10 at 10:00 p.m. and continue until Wednesday, May 12 at 7:00 a.m. During this closure, barricades with 'Road Closed' will be placed at both intersections and adjacent to the barrier wall on both ends of the bridge. The detour shall be Monroe Avenue/Kings Highway to Savannah Road to Cape Henlopen Drive. Detour signs will aid motorists with the alternate route. The DRBA apologizes for any inconveniences that may occur as result of the bridge closure.

Originally constructed about 45 years ago and last painted in 1978, the Freeman Highway Bridge needs to be cleaned, repainted, and rehabilitated. The concrete piers exhibit some deterioration and require repair work. Bridge parapets will be replaced and upgraded to current standards. The bridge expansion joints, approach slabs, and miscellaneous steelwork require rehabilitation as well. Freeman Highway guiderail requires replacement as well and will be done during the bridge rehabilitation.

The rehabilitation of Freeman Highway Bridge began on March 8, 2010 and is expected to be completed on September 30, 2010. The first phase of the project, which relates to construction activity on the bridge deck, will be completed on or before June 25, 2010. Both lanes of the Freeman Highway Bridge will be open following the completion of this phase. The project work will be done by Mumford & Miller of Middletown, Delaware, at a cost of approximately \$1.8 million.

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