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I-80 eastbound pavement preservation project begins in Wayne Overnight left lane closures necessary to set up traffic shift

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the beginning of a pavement preservation project on I-80 in Passaic County.

Beginning at 10 p.m. tonight, December 5, until 6 a.m. tomorrow morning, December 6, and again Friday night into Saturday morning, from 10 p.m. until 7 a.m., NJDOT's contractor, Joseph M. Sanzari, Inc. is scheduled to close the left lane on I-80 eastbound between Fairfield Road in Wayne and Route 19 in Totowa to mill the edge line rumble strip in the shoulder to prepare for a traffic shift.

When this work is complete, overnight left lane closures will be required to set up construction barrier in the left shoulder, creating a work zone to allow for concrete repairs and drainage improvements in the center of the roadway. This phase of the project is expected to be complete by next summer.

Following the completion of concrete repairs and drainage improvements, pavement preservation work is scheduled to begin on the eastbound travel lanes, which will be overlaid with a High Performance Thin Overlay (HPTO).

The \$13.3 million federally-funded project will preserve approximately six miles of I-80 from Fairfield Road in Wayne to Route 19 in Totawa. It is designed to extend the pavement life, improve safety and enhance ride quality for motorists. In addition to milling and paving, the project will make drainage improvements. The project is scheduled to be completed in fall 2020.

Variable Message Signs will provide advance notification to motorists of any traffic pattern changes associated with the work. The precise timing of the work is subject to change due to weather or other factors.

Motorists are encouraged to check NJDOT's traffic information website www.511nj.org for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter @NJDOT info and on the NJDOT Facebook page.