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Route 9 north ramp to Route 18 north to close overnight as pavement rehabilitation project advances in Middlesex County Signed detour will be in place

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced a series of staggered overnight lane and shoulder closures on Route 9 north and the Route 9 north ramp to Route 18 north in Old Bridge, as the Route 18, South of Texas Road to Rues Lane pavement improvement project advances in Middlesex County.

Beginning at 9 p.m. tonight, Friday, December 6, until 6 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, December 7 NJDOT's contractor, Earle Asphalt, is scheduled to close the left lane on Route 9 north between Texas Road and the ramp to Route 18 north for roadway striping.

At 11 p.m., an additional lane on Route 9 north is scheduled to be closed. One lane of through traffic will be maintained on Route 9. In addition, the <u>ramp from Route 9 north to Route 18 north will be closed</u>. The following signed detour will be in place:

Route 9 north ramp to Route 18 north detour:

- Motorists wishing to take the ramp from Route 9 north to Route 18 north will be directed to continue on Route 9 north
- Turn left on Spring Valley Road
- Turn right onto Route 18 north

The closures will allow the roadway to be restriped, and construction barrier will be removed. The ramp will reopen by 6 a.m. Saturday, December 7, and the roadway will be returned to its original condition.

The \$14.2 million federally-funded Route 18, South of Texas Road to Rues Lane, Pavement Improvement project is designed to improve safety and traffic flow by making improvements to six miles of deteriorated pavement and the installation of pedestrian safety devices. The project is expected to be completed in early 2020.

Variable message signs and detour signs are being utilized throughout the project limits to provide advance notification to motorists of all traffic pattern changes associated with the resurfacing project.

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 <u>www.511nj.org</u> for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter <u>@NJDOT info</u> and on the <u>NJDOT Facebook page</u>.

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