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Route 22 eastbound connector to Hillside Avenue to close next week as safety improvement project begins in Hillside Signed detour will be in place

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced that the Route 22 eastbound connector ramp to Hillside Avenue will be closed next week as the Route 22 Hilldale Place/North Broad Street safety improvement project begins in Hillside, Union County.

The \$10.3 million federally-funded project will replace the existing bridge that serves as the Route 22 eastbound connector. The new bridge will meet current design and safety standards and improve the vertical under clearance over Route 22. It will also include an acceleration lane for the Route 22 eastbound entrance ramp from Hillside Avenue, a deceleration taper for the Route 22 eastbound entrance ramp to Hillside Avenue, and a right turn lane in the area between N Broad Street and Harding Terrace.

Beginning at 9:30 a.m., Monday, December 30, 2019, NJDOT's contractor, Anselmi & DeCicco, Inc., is scheduled to close the Route 22 eastbound connector ramp to Hillside Avenue. The ramp from Hillside Avenue to Route 22 eastbound will remain open. The following detour will be in place until Spring 2021:

Route 22 Eastbound to Hillside Avenue detour

- Motorists traveling eastbound on Route 22 wishing to take the eastbound connector ramp to Hillside Avenue will be instructed to exit right at Bloy Street
- Turn Right on Bloy Street
- Turn Left onto Long Avenue
- Turn left onto Central Avenue
- Turn left onto North Broad Street
- Turn left onto Hillside Avenue

Variable Message Signs will provide advance notification to motorists of the 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 <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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