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Route 15 southbound overnight lane closure tomorrow as the Bridges over Main Street replacement project advances in Sparta Overnight lane closure necessary for traffic shift

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced an overnight lane closure on Route 15 southbound to implement a traffic shift as the Bridges over Main Street replacement project advances in Sparta, Sussex County.

Beginning at 8:30 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, March 20, NJDOT's contractor, Sparwick Contracting, will close a lane on the Route 15 southbound Bridge over Main Street to restripe the roadway and install construction barrier in preparation for a traffic shift. By 6 a.m., Saturday, March 21, the two lanes of southbound traffic will be shifted to the right side of the roadway. At least one lane of traffic will be maintained overnight.

During this stage of the \$4.1 million federally-funded project, the left side of the southbound bridge will be demolished and replaced. The entire replacement project is expected to be complete by fall 2020.

The existing Route 15 Bridges over Main Street are in poor condition, requiring deck and superstructure replacement. The project is designed to advance in stages to minimize disruption to residents. Both bridges will be worked on simultaneously, and at least one lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained during construction.

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> or on the <u>NJDOT Facebook page</u>.

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