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Route 206 southbound to be closed tonight with alternating traffic in Branchville & Frankford, Sussex County Traffic to be shifted for guiderail work

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced Route 206 southbound will be closed tonight with alternating traffic in order to shift traffic in both directions as the Route 206, Pines Road to CR 521 pavement and improvements project advances in Branchville and Frankford, Sussex County.

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Friday, March 27, until 8 a.m. Saturday, March 28, NJDOT's Contractor, Crisdel Group, will close Route 206 southbound with alternating traffic overnight to implement a traffic shift on Route 206 in both directions.

By Saturday morning, Route 206 northbound will be shifted to the right and Route 206 southbound will be shifted to the left between Kemah Lake Road/CR 633 in Branchville and Ridge Road in Frankford.

The traffic shift will allow concrete and guiderail post installation work to be done at various locations along the one-mile stretch of road. All lanes of traffic will be maintained during the shift, which will be in place for approximately two weeks. Additional traffic shifts will be required at various locations as the project continues to advance.

The \$16.7 million federally funded Route 206, Pines Road to CR 521/Montague River Road improvements project will resurface approximately 13.4 miles of Route 206 in Frankford, Branchville, Sandyston, and Montague in Sussex County. In addition, nearly 31,000 linear feet of guide rail will be replaced to meet current FHWA standards, new traffic signals and ADA curb ramps will be installed, and repairs will be made to pavement, drainage inlets, and bridges as well. The project is expected to be completed by the fall of 2020.

Variable message signs are being used throughout the project limits to provide advance notification to motorists. NJDOT will provide notification before any lane or ramp closures.

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 our <u>Facebook Page</u>.