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## I-287 southbound pavement preservation project begins with shoulder closures this week in Morris County Overnight lane closures for road resurfacing to begin later in the month

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the beginning of a pavement preservation project on I-287 southbound in Harding, Morris Township, and Morristown, Morris County.

Beginning at 8 a.m. tomorrow, Thursday, April 2, until 4 p.m. and again during the same time on Friday, April 3, NJDOT's contractor, Della Pello Paving, Inc., will close the shoulder on I-287 southbound between South Street/CR 601 in Morristown and North Maple Avenue in Harding to install construction signs.

Later this month, there will be overnight lane closures on I-287 southbound between South Street/CR 601 just past Exit 35 and North Maple Avenue/Exit 30A and B for milling and paving of the roadway. The area of the lane closures will shift as the project progresses.

The southbound lanes and shoulders will be overlaid with a thin layer of asphalt in order to preserve and extend the life of the highway. The work will begin in the leftmost lane while other lanes will remain open for traffic. The work will progress from the left to right with at least one lane maintained at all times. NJDOT will provide notice in advance of any lane closures.

The \$4 million federally-funded project will preserve approximately five miles of I-287 southbound from Maple Avenue to South Street/CR 601. It is designed to extend the pavement life, improve safety and enhance ride quality for motorists. The project is scheduled to be completed in late Fall 2020.

Variable messaging signs are being utilized to provide advance notification to the motoring public of all traffic pattern changes associated with the work. NJDOT will provide more information before any lane closures are scheduled.

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 <a href="https://www.511nj.org">www.511nj.org</a> for construction updates and real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter <a href="https://www.bldot.news.ndm.nih.gov">www.511nj.org</a> for construction updates and real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter <a href="https://www.bldot.news.ndm.nih.gov">www.bldot.news.ndm.nih.gov</a> for on the <a href="https://www.bldot.news.ndm.nih.gov">NJDOT info</a> or on the <a href="https://www.bldo

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