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Route 22 eastbound and westbound ramps to and from Bloy Street to be closed tomorrow night in Hillside, Union County Closures necessary as part of Bloy Street Bridge replacement project

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the overnight closures tomorrow night of the Route 22 eastbound and westbound ramps to and from Bloy Street in Hillside, Union County as the bridge replacement project advances.

Beginning at 9 p.m., tomorrow, Thursday, April 9, through 7 a.m., Friday, April 10, NJDOT's contractor, RenCor Inc., is scheduled to close the Route 22 eastbound and westbound ramps to and from Bloy Street for the removal of the existing concrete islands. The Route 22 westbound ramps will be closed first, and once the work is completed on that side of the highway, the westbound ramps will be reopened and the Route 22 eastbound ramps will be closed. All ramps should be reopened by Friday morning. The following detour will be in place.

Route 22 Westbound Ramp Detours:

Route 22 westbound ramp to Bloy Street detour:

- Motorists on Route 22 westbound wishing to exit onto Bloy Street will be directed to continue on Route 22 westbound
- Take the next exit onto Sayre Road
- Turn right onto Vauxhall Road
- Turn left onto Salem Road, which becomes Liberty Avenue
- Turn left onto Bloy Street
- Take the Bloy Street Bridge over Route 22

Bloy Street southbound ramp to Route 22 westbound detour:

- Motorists on Bloy Street southbound wishing to take Route 22 westbound will be directed to turn right onto the Bloy Street Bridge
- Cross over Route 22 and turn right onto Bloy Street
- Turn right onto Liberty Avenue, which becomes Salem Avenue
- Turn right onto Vauxhall Road
- Take the ramp onto Route 22 westbound

Route 22 Eastbound Ramp Detours:

Route 22 eastbound ramp to Bloy Street detour:

 Motorists on Route 22 eastbound wishing to exit on Bloy Street will be directed take the Vauxhall Road exit, <u>which is before Bloy Street</u>.

- Turn left onto Vauxhall Road
- Turn left onto Salem Road, which becomes Liberty Avenue
- Turn left onto Bloy Street

Bloy Street ramp to Route 22 eastbound detour:

- Motorists on Bloy Street wishing to take Route 22 eastbound will be directed to take Bloy Street south to Liberty Avenue
- Turn right onto Liberty Avenue, which becomes Salem Road
- Turn right onto Vauxhall Road
- Take the ramp onto Route 22 eastbound

The Bloy Street Bridge over Route 22 project consists of four stages and will replace the overpass, which is in poor condition, and improve the turning movements on the Route 22 eastbound and westbound ramps to and from Bloy Street. The new bridge will meet current design and safety standards and improve the vertical under clearance over Route 22. The project also will widen the Route 22 eastbound and westbound lanes to and from Bloy Street as well as provide sidewalks and improve curb ramps to meet ADA standards. It is expected to be completed in the summer of 2023.

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

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