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Route 46 daytime lane closures needed this week as the Passaic Avenue to Willowbrook Mall project advances Lane closures will allow for drainage installation across Route 46

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced lane closures on Route 46 in both directions this week as the Passaic Avenue to Willowbrook Mall infrastructure enhancement project advances in Essex and Passaic counties.

Beginning at 8 a.m., tomorrow, Wednesday, April 22, until 4 p.m., NJDOT's contractor, Anselmi & DeCicco, Inc., is scheduled to close the Route 46 eastbound left lane between Passaic Avenue and Riverside Drive to install drainage pipes across Route 46.

On Thursday, April 23, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., the Route 46 westbound left lane between Riverside Drive and Passaic Avenue will be closed to continue the drainage pipe installation. Two lanes of traffic will be available in both directions each afternoon.

The \$40 million federally-funded Route 46 Bridge over the Passaic River to Willowbrook Mall project will replace the existing eastbound bridge and widen Route 46 in both directions from two lanes to three lanes in each direction to enhance safety and ease traffic congestion. Four new overhead sign structures will be built. The project will be constructed in three stages with some construction activities being performed at night to reduce the impact to the public. The project is expected to be completed in late 2022.

Portable variable message signs are being utilized to provide advance notification to the motoring public of all 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 realtime travel information and for NJDOT news and updates follow us on the <u>NJDOT Facebook page</u> or on Twitter <u>@NJDOT info</u>.

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