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Route 1 right lane to be closed in both directions south of Meadow Road as the widening project advances in Mercer County Lane closures to be in place for approximately one month

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the right lane on Route 1 in both directions will be closed for approximately one month south of Meadow Road as the widening project from Nassau Park Boulevard to I-295 advances in Mercer County.

Beginning at 7 a.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, April 22, NJDOT's contractor, South State Inc., will close the right lane on Route 1 northbound and southbound south of Meadow Road near the Whole Foods shopping center to install concrete barriers to establish a work zone. The closure will continue for approximately a month while shafts are drilled for a new overhead sign that will be erected later this year. At least three southbound travel lanes and two northbound travel lanes will be maintained.

The \$15.8 million project to widen Route 1 southbound between Nassau Park Boulevard in West Windsor and the ramp to I-295 northbound in Lawrence began in the spring 2018. The southbound roadway includes two express lanes and one local lane providing access to businesses along Route 1. The project is widening Route 1 to include a third express lane and will add an auxiliary lane from Nassau Park Boulevard to business before the ramp to I-295 northbound.

Widening Route 1 will improve capacity and safety on the roadway, and improve access to and from the Mercer Mall and other adjacent businesses. Access to all locations will be maintained throughout the project. The project is expected to be completed in the fall 2020. 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 www.511nj.org for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter @NJDOT info or on the NJDOT Facebook page.