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Route 46 westbound daytime lane closures required this week as Passaic Avenue to Willowbrook Mall project advances Construction will widen shoulder, install new pavement and replace curb

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced daytime lane and shoulder closures on Route 46 westbound between Passaic Avenue and Riverside Drive this week as the Passaic Avenue to Willowbrook Mall infrastructure enhancement project in Fairfield, Essex County and Wayne, Passaic County advances.

Beginning at 7 a.m., tomorrow, Tuesday, April 28, until 4 p.m., and continuing from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. daily through Friday, May 1, NJDOT's contractor, Anselmi & DeCicco, Inc., is scheduled alternate closing the right and left lanes and the shoulder on Route 46 westbound to install a construction barrier to create a work zone in the shoulder. The shoulder will be widened, milled and paved and new curbs installed. Two lanes of traffic will be available after the barrier installation. The barrier will be in place for approximately three months.

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 completed 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 real-time 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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