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Route 1 southbound ramp/overpass to Quaker Bridge Mall closed as roadway widening project advances in Mercer County Signed detour will be in place for about a month

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the closure and detour of the ramp and overpass from Route 1 southbound to the Quaker Bridge Mall as a roadway widening project advances in Mercer County.

Beginning at 7 a.m., Monday, June 22, NJDOT's contractor, South State Inc., closed the ramp and overpass from Route 1 southbound to the Quaker Bridge Mall. The closure is necessary as roadway widening work continues on Route 1 southbound. The following signed detour will be in place for approximately one month:

Route 1 southbound ramp/overpass to Quaker Bridge Mall detour:

- Motorists traveling on Route 1 southbound wishing to take the overpass to the Quaker Bridge Mall will be directed to continue on Route 1 southbound
- Keep right and take the jughandle to Franklin Corner Road/Bakers Basin Road (just past Michael's Diner)
- Turn left onto Franklin Corner Road
- Turn left onto Route 1 northbound
- Take the ramp to the Quaker Bridge Mall

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

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