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Route 19 southbound right lane to reopen today as sinkhole repair continues in Clifton Route 19 northbound remains closed between GSP/Broad Street and Valley Road

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the right lane on Route 19 southbound is scheduled to be reopened late this afternoon, Wednesday, August 5 as sinkhole repairs continue in Clifton, Passaic County.

NJDOT has completed the installation of approximately 325-feet of a new 72-inch diameter drainage pipe going under Route 19. Work is continuing 24 hours a day/seven days a week to replace a second drainage pipe that is 60-inches in diameter and 225 feet in length, as well as a new headwall to support the pipes.

Route 19 southbound and two lanes on Route 19 northbound were closed on July 8 because of a sinkhole caused by the collapse of a large drainage pipe. On July 10, Route 19 northbound was closed as well.

The southbound left lane remains closed, and Route 19 northbound will remain closed and detoured between the Garden State Parkway (GSP) Exit 155A and Broad Street/CR 509 to Valley for approximately another month until repairs are completed. The Route 19 northbound detours will remain in place:

Garden State Parkway Exit 155A to Route 19 northbound detour:

- Motorists on the Garden State Parkway northbound wishing to take Exit 155A to Route 19 northbound will be directed to continue on the Parkway
- Use the right lane to take Exit 155B/Passaic
- Turn left onto Hazel Street/CR 702
- Follow Hazel Street/CR 702 to Marshall Street
- Turn Right on Marshall Street
- Turn left onto Valley Road
- Use the right lane to take the ramp onto Route 19 northbound

Broad Street/CR 509 to Route 19 northbound detour:

- Motorists on Broad Street/CR 509 northbound, which becomes Route 19 northbound, will be directed to the left exit for Broad Street
- Turn Right on Broad Street
- Broad Street will become Marshall Street after crossing under Route 19
- Turn left onto Valley Road
- Use the right lane to take the ramp onto Route 19 northbound

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>.