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## Route 21 daytime lane closures tomorrow as pavement preservation project begins in Newark At least two lanes will be maintained in each direction

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced daytime lane closures on Route 21 as a pavement preservation project begins in Newark, Essex County.

Beginning at 9 a.m. tomorrow, Thursday, August 20, until 3 p.m., NJDOT's contractor, Stavola Contracting Company, is scheduled to close the right lane on Route 21 between Lafayette Street and the on-ramp from Passaic Avenue as part of a moving operation. This closure will allow the contractor to install construction signs. The closure will begin on Route 21 northbound and will shift to the southbound roadway after installation is complete on the northbound side. At least one lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction throughout the day.

Overnight lane and ramp closures will begin in the coming weeks following the installation of construction signs.

The \$3.6 million federally-funded project will extend the functional life of the roadway and improve ride quality on approximately two miles of Route 21 between Lafayette Street and the on-ramp from Passaic Avenue. It will include resurfacing of all travel lanes, turn lanes, ramps, and shoulders with High Performance Thin Overlay (HPTO). It also includes the refurbishment of crosswalks and other ADA improvements. The project is anticipated to be complete by fall 2021.

Variable Message Signs will provide advance notification to motorists of the 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 <a href="www.511nj.org">www.511nj.org</a> for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter <a href="@NJDOT">@NJDOT</a> info and on the NJDOT Facebook page.