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I-287 northbound overnight lane closures begin this week in preparation for paving in Middlesex and Somerset Counties Pavement reflectors to be removed prior to milling and paving

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced I-287 northbound will have overnight lane closures beginning this week as a Maintenance Roadway Repair project advances in Middlesex and Somerset Counties.

Beginning at 7 p.m., Wednesday, August 26, until 7 a.m. the next day and continuing weeknights through Tuesday, September 1, NJDOT's contractor, Della Pello Paving is scheduled to remove pavement reflectors on I-287 northbound between Stelton Road/CR 529 in South Plainfield, Middlesex County and Main Street/CR 533 in Franklin, Somerset County. This will be a moving operation in preparation for milling and paving. Motorists should use caution and slow down through the area.

Upon completion of the reflector removal, milling and paving work will begin on approximately seven miles of I-287 northbound, requiring overnight lanes closures. NJDOT will provide advance notice of any lane closures as the project progresses.

The \$13.4 million I-287 northbound Maintenance Roadway Repair project will resurface approximately seven miles of highway including travel lanes, shoulders, and ramps, beginning at Exit 5 - Stelton Road/CR 529 in South Plainfield, Middlesex County through Main Street/CR 533 in Bridgewater, Somerset County, just before Exit 13A. Inlets and concrete curbs will be upgraded as necessary and rumble strips will be added. Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) improvements will be made at numerous ramp intersections.

The project will extend the pavement life, improve safety and enhance ride quality for motorists, and is expected to be completed by fall 2020. I-287 southbound will be completed under a separate project that is scheduled to begin in 2021.

Variable Message Signs are being used to provide advance notification 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 www.511nj.org for construction updates and real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter @NJDOT info or on the NJDOT Facebook page.