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Route 21 ramp to Lombardy Street to close for two nights as pavement preservation project advances in Newark Right lane will be closed on Route 21 northbound

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced that the ramp from Route 21 northbound to Lombardy Street will be closed overnight for two nights as a pavement preservation project advances in Newark, Essex County.

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Wednesday, August 26, until 6 a.m. Thursday, August 27, and again Thursday night during the same hours, NJDOT's contractor, Stavola Contracting Company, is scheduled to close the right lane on Route 21 northbound near the ramp to Lombardy Street. Two lanes will be maintained overnight.

Beginning at 10 p.m. tonight, Wednesday, August 26, until 5 a.m. Thursday, August 27, and again Thursday night during the same hours, the ramp from Route 21 northbound to Lombardy Street is scheduled to be closed. These closures will allow the contractor to mill and pave the ramp. The following signed detour will be in place both nights:

Route 21 northbound ramp to Lombardy Street detour:

- Motorists traveling on Route 21 northbound wishing to take the ramp to Lombardy Street will be directed to continue on Route 21 northbound
- Take the ramp towards I-280 eastbound
- Use the left lane to turn left onto Route 21 southbound
- Keep right on Route 21 southbound and turn right onto the ramp to Lombardy Street
- Turn right onto Lombardy Street

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

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