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I-295/Route 130 northbound lane closures this week as bridge deck resurfacing project advances in Gloucester County One lane of traffic will be maintained in the shoulder overnight

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced overnight lane closures and a traffic shift on the I-295/Route 130 northbound Bridge over Mantua Creek as the UHPC Overlay pilot project advances in West Deptford, Gloucester County.

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Tuesday, September 1, until 5 a.m. Wednesday, September 2, NJDOT's Contractor, Agate Construction Co., Inc., is scheduled to close all three lanes with one lane of traffic maintained in the **left shoulder** on I-295/Route 130 northbound near the bridge over Mantua Creek. This closure will allow the contractor to restripe the roadway to prepare for a traffic shift.

Beginning at 8 p.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, September 2, until 5 a.m. Thursday, September 3, all three lanes are scheduled to be closed with one lane of traffic maintained in the **right shoulder**. This closure will allow the contractor to install construction barrier, creating a work zone in the left lane.

The on-ramp from South Delaware Street to I-295/Route 130 northbound also will be closed and detoured on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. The following signed detour will be in place overnight:

South Delaware Street on-ramp to I-295/Route 130 northbound detour:

- Motorists traveling on South Delaware Street wishing to take the on-ramp to I-295/Route 130 northbound will be directed to continue on South Delaware Street/West Cohawkin Road
- Turn left onto Berkley Road/CR 678
- Turn left onto Kings Highway/CR 551
- Turn left onto Parkville Station Road/CR 656 which becomes Mantua Grove Road
- Turn right onto the ramp to I-295/Route 130 northbound

Following the completion of this overnight work, the left lane will remain closed for approximately one month. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained in the right and center lanes.

The state-funded \$1.7 million I-295/Route 130 northbound bridge over Mantua Creek project is part of a pilot program to test the effectiveness of Ultra High Performance Concrete (UHPC) as a bridge deck overlay to increase deck service life, enhance structural capacity, and reduce future maintenance. While UHPC is currently being used for joint repairs and other maintenance, this is the first time UHPC is being used as a bridge deck overlay in New Jersey. The project is anticipated to be complete by December 2020.

The pilot project is being carried out in two contracts – one that will resurface the I-295/Route 130 northbound bridge deck over Mantua Creek and a second that will resurface three bridge decks in North Jersey.

Construction signs will provide advance notification to motorists of 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 real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter <u>@NJDOT info</u> and on the <u>NJDOT Facebook page</u>.

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