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Route 57 lane closure with alternating traffic begins tomorrow as bridge project advances in Warren County Project will rehabilitate Bridge over Hances Brook

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced one lane on the Route 57 Bridge over Hances Brook will be closed with alternating traffic beginning tomorrow night as the bridge deck project advances in Mansfield, Warren County.

Beginning at 8 p.m., Friday, September 11, NJDOT's contractor, Joseph M. Sanzari, is scheduled to close one lane of traffic with alternating traffic to create a work zone on Route 57 between Old Turnpike Road and Hazen Road. Flaggers will be on-site to begin the alternating traffic pattern. After the pattern is established, temporary traffic signals, which were installed last week, will remain in place for approximately two months until project completion.

The \$2.7 million state-funded project is part of a pilot program that is testing the effectiveness of using 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. This contract will perform deck and joint repairs, in addition to the application and performance evaluation of the UHPC as a thin-bonded overlay on three bridge decks in North Jersey. A second contract is testing UHPC on a bridge deck in South Jersey.

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

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