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Route 35 southbound ramp to CR 516 and Taylor Lane closed next week as intersection project continues in Middletown Closure needed for ramp work

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced a three-day closure of the ramp from Route 35 southbound to CR 516/Cherry Tree Farm Road and Taylor Lane in Middletown, Monmouth County.

Beginning at 7 a.m., Monday, September 21, until 4 p.m., and continuing daily through Wednesday, September 23, the developer's contractor, CJ Hesse, is scheduled to close the Route 35 southbound ramp to CR 516/Cherry Tree Farm Road and Taylor Lane to mill and pave the ramp. The ramp will be reopened each afternoon. If work is completed sooner, the ramp will be reopened earlier. The following signed detour will be in place.

Route 35 southbound ramp to CR 516/Cherry Tree Farm Road and Taylor Lane detour:

- Motorists traveling on Route 35 southbound wishing to take the ramp to CR 516/Cherry Tree
 Farm Road and Taylor Lane will be directed to continue on Route 35 southbound
- Go through the traffic signal at Kings Highway and take the U-turn/Harmony Road ramp
- Turn left onto Route 35 northbound
- Take ramp to CR 516/ Cherry Tree Farm Road next to the New Monmouth Diner

After this phase of the project, the next step will require overnight closures on Route 35 southbound between Laurel Avenue and Cherry Tree Lane/Old Country Road in order to prepare for the road's final configuration. When the project is completed, it will create a new fully signalized four-way intersection which will enhance safety. The entire intersection improvement is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

The precise timing of the work is subject to change due to weather or other factors. Motorists are encouraged to check NJDOT's traffic website www.511nj.org for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter @NJDOT info and on the NJDOT Facebook page.