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## Route 57 traffic to be shifted overnight onto newly built portion of Bridge over Hances Brook in Warren County Intermittent traffic stops necessary as project advances in Mansfield

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced intermittent traffic stops tonight on Route 57 to implement a traffic shift onto the newly built portion of the Bridge over Hances Brook as the project advances in Mansfield, Warren County.

Beginning at 8 p.m., tonight, Friday, October 2, NJDOT's contractor, Joseph M. Sanzari, is scheduled to intermittently stop traffic on Route 57 in both directions to shift traffic from the west side of the Route 57 Bridge over Hances Brook onto the newly constructed east side of the bridge. The shift is necessary to move barriers to create a new work zone on the west side of Route 57 to complete the bridge replacement between Old Turnpike Road and Hazen Road. By Saturday morning, traffic will be shifted to the east side of the bridge and temporary traffic signals will alternate traffic across the bridge. This pattern will remain in place for approximately one month when the project is expected to be completed.

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.

The pilot program is being carried out in two contracts. This first contract began on August 24 and will resurface the <u>I-295/Route 130 northbound bridge deck over Mantua Creek</u> in West Deptford, Gloucester County. This contract will resurface bridge decks on the following three structures:

- Newark-Jersey City Turnpike/CR 508 ramp to I-280 westbound in Kearny, Hudson County
- Route 57 Over Hances Brook in Mansfield, Warren County
- Route 159 over Passaic River in Montville, Morris County

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 <a href="www.511nj.org">www.511nj.org</a> for construction updates and real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter <a href="@NJDOT">@NJDOT</a> info or on the <a href="NJDOT Facebook">NJDOT Facebook</a> page.