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Route 21 southbound overnight lane closures this week as pavement preservation project advances in Newark Closures required for milling and paving

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced overnight lane closures on Route 21 as a pavement preservation project advances in Newark, Essex County.

Beginning at 9 p.m. tonight, Monday, October 19 until 7 a.m. Tuesday, October 20, and continuing each night through Thursday, October 22, NJDOT's contractor, Stavola Contracting Company, is scheduled to close the right lane on Route 21 southbound between the I-280 interchange and Edison Place. The center lane also will be closed each night at 10 p.m. These closures will allow the contractor to mill and pave the roadway. At least one lane of traffic will be maintained at all times overnight.

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 summer 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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