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Route 70 shoulder closures required as pavement rehabilitation project begins in Pemberton Intersection improvements to be made in three counties

(Trenton) - New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the start of a pavement rehabilitation and improvements project on Route 70 beginning near Dakota Trail in Pemberton, Burlington County and extending to Riverview Drive in Brielle, Monmouth County.

Beginning at 7 a.m., Tuesday, December 1 until 4:00 p.m., and continuing daily Monday through Friday throughout the winter, NJDOT's contractor, Earle Asphalt, is scheduled to close the shoulder at various locations beginning near Dakota Trail in Pemberton, Burlington County and extending to Riverview Drive in Brielle, Monmouth County. The closure will allow for the installation of advance warning signs, silt fencing, and inlet filters. Shoulder closures will be in multiple locations simultaneously and will move within the project area as required. Milling and paving will begin in the spring 2021. NJDOT will provide advance notice of any additional lane or ramp closures.

The \$12.9 million Route 70, Dakota Trail to Riverview Drive/CR 48 pavement rehabilitation and improvements project is designed to increase safety at six intersections and improve more than 14 miles of deteriorated pavement in three counties. In addition to milling and paving, the project will include concrete work for curbs and sidewalks, as well as ADA-compliant ramps. New guiderail will be installed, drainage improvements will be made, and traffic signal updates will be made at the following intersections:

- Orchard Street Lakehurst
- Colonial Drive Manchester Township
- Buckingham Drive Manchester Township
- Whitesville Road/CR 527 Toms River Township
- Massachusetts Ave Toms River Township
- Airport Road Lakewood Township

The project area is divided into four sections: Woodland and Pemberton in Burlington County; Manchester, Ocean County; continuing from Manchester through Lakehurst, Toms River, and Lakewood, Monmouth County; and Brick, Ocean County through Brielle, Monmouth County. The project is expected to be completed in fall 2022.

Variable message signs are being utilized to provide advance notification of all traffic pattern changes associated with the project. 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 www.511nj.org for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter @NJDOT info and on the NJDOT Facebook page.

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