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## Route 206 road widening project begins between Doctors Way and Valley Road in Hillsborough

## Northbound traffic to be shifted and one lane to be maintained in both directions

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the start of a project to widen Route 206 between Doctors Way and Valley Road in Hillsborough, Somerset County.

Beginning at 9 p.m., tonight, Friday, March 19, NJDOT's contractor, Konkus Corporation, is scheduled to shift traffic on Route 206 northbound between Doctors Way and Valley Road toward the southbound lanes. Motorists are advised to slow down and use caution in the area of the new traffic pattern. No lane closures are required to implement the traffic shift. This pattern will be in place through spring 2022. Once work is completed on Route 206 northbound, construction will begin on Route 206 southbound with traffic being shifted onto the newly widened northbound lanes.

The \$41 million federally-funded Route 206, Doctors Way to Valley Road project will create two travel lanes in each direction of Route 206 from Doctors Way and Valley Road and will enhance safety and ease traffic congestion. The project will also include the construction of a new median barrier which will eliminate left turns to and from properties located along the highway and will direct turns onto newly signalized intersections, and jughandles. This will reduce turn related accidents and optimize traffic flow. The project will be completed in three stages with most construction activities being performed at night to reduce the impact to the public. The project is expected to be completed in summer 2024.

The Route 206, Doctors Way to Valley Road project is one of several projects in the area dedicated to improving traffic flow and safety.

The Route 206 Hillsborough Bypass project which will be completed this spring, shifted through traffic onto a new 3.6-mile section of Route 206 to the east of the existing highway between Mountain View Road and Old Somerville Road, thus improving safety and enhancing economic opportunities.

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. For NJDOT news follow us on Twitter <a href="@NewJerseyDOT">@NewJerseyDOT</a> and our <a href="Facebook page">Facebook page</a>.