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Route 44 traffic shift tomorrow as Truck Bypass and Dupont Port Access project nears completion in Gibbstown Alternating traffic will be required during the day

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced lane closures and a traffic shift on Route 44/West Broad Street tomorrow as the Route 44 Truck Bypass and Dupont Port Access project nears completion in Gibbstown, Gloucester County.

Beginning at 7 a.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, April 7, the Gloucester County Improvement Authority's contractor, R. E. Pierson, is scheduled to close one lane on Route 44 between the bridge over Sand Ditch (Nehonsey Brook) and Veterans Avenue. One lane will be maintained with alternating traffic. This closure will allow the contractor to prepare for a traffic shift.

By 3 p.m. tomorrow afternoon, traffic will be shifted to the north onto the newly-reconstructed roadway, with one lane in each direction. In the coming weeks, the contractor will complete paving on the new bypass roadway connecting Route 44 with A Line Road.

The \$9.9 million developer project is constructing a new 0.6-mile truck bypass that will connect the existing Route 44 in both directions in western Gibbstown to A Line Road. The new road will reduce truck traffic traveling through residential communities, increasing quality of life and safety. The bypass roadway will run primarily through undeveloped DuPont property adjacent to an active railroad line and existing Route 44. The project is anticipated to be complete in Spring 2021.

Variable Message Signs are being used to provide advance notification 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 <u>www.511nj.org</u> for construction updates and real-time travel information. For NJDOT news follow us on Twitter <u>@NewJerseyDOT</u> and our <u>Facebook page</u>.

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