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Route 46 daytime lane closures required for several weeks at Passaic Avenue as Willowbrook Mall project advances Closures necessary for on-going construction work

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced daytime lane closures for the next several weeks on Route 46 in both directions between Route 23 and Passaic Avenue/CR 613 as the Route 46 at Passaic Avenue to Willowbrook Mall project advances in Fairfield, Essex County and Wayne, Passaic County.

Beginning at 8 a.m., Monday, April 26 and continuing each day until 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, for several weeks, NJDOT's contractor, Anselmi & DeCicco, Inc. is scheduled to close a single lane on Route 46, in both directions, between Route 23 and Passaic Avenue/CR 613 for electrical conduit installation, curb construction and pavement work. One lane will be maintained at all times in each direction.

The \$40 million federally-funded Route 46 Bridge over the Passaic River to Willowbrook Mall project will replace the existing eastbound bridge and widen Route 46 from two lanes to three lanes in each direction to enhance safety and ease traffic congestion. Four new overhead sign structures will be built. The project will be completed in three stages with some construction activities being performed at night to reduce the impact to the public. The project is expected to be completed in late 2022.

Portable variable message signs are being utilized to provide advance notification to the motoring public 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 www.511nj.org for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news and updates follow us on the NJDOT Facebook page or on Twitter oNewJerseyDOT.