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## Route 22 left lane closures required this weekend as safety improvement project advances in Hillside, Union County One lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced left lane closures on Route 22 in both directions as the Route 22 Hilldale Place/North Broad Street safety improvement project advances in Hillside, Union County.

Beginning at 9 p.m., tonight, Friday, May 14, until 5 a.m., Monday, May 17, NJDOT's contractor, Anselmi & DeCicco, Inc., is scheduled to close the left lane on Route 22 in both directions between Bloy Street and North Broad Street for median barrier installation work. Traffic will be shifted to the right with at least one lane open in each direction at all times. These closures are anticipated to continue each weekend for several weeks.

The \$10.3 million federally-funded project will replace the existing bridge that serves as the Route 22 eastbound connector. The new bridge will meet current design and safety standards and improve the vertical under clearance over Route 22. It will also include an acceleration lane for the Route 22 eastbound entrance ramp from Hillside Avenue, a deceleration taper for the Route 22 eastbound exit ramp to Hillside Avenue, and a right turn lane in the area between North Broad Street and Harding Terrace.

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 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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