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Route 206 Bypass to open Saturday in Hillsborough 3.6 mile bypass will increase safety and reduce congestion

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the opening of the newly-constructed Route 206 Bypass this weekend in Hillsborough, Somerset County.

Beginning at 12 p.m. Saturday, June 5, NJDOT's contractor, Konkus Corporation, is scheduled to remove construction barrier and open the newly-completed Route 206 Bypass in Hillsborough, Somerset County to northbound and southbound traffic. Motorists are advised to use caution and to expect brief slowdowns as the roadway is opened.

The contractor will continue working in the area in the coming weeks to install fencing around the project and finish landscaping work.

About the Route 206 Bypass Project

The Route 206 Hillsborough Bypass consists of a new 3.6-mile section of Route 206 to the east of the existing highway between Mountain View Road and Old Somerville Road. This new roadway will create opportunities for the development of a town center along the current Route 206 in Hillsborough. The new Bypass enhances motorist safety by eliminating the sharp turn that existed on the old roadway requiring slowdowns and extreme caution when merging.

The 1.7-mile center section of the Bypass was built first as part of a \$44 million state-funded contract. It was completed and opened in October 2013. The \$36.6 million state and federally-funded Contract B constructed the remaining portion of the Route 206 Bypass. The project limits are from Mountain View Road to Hillsborough Road on the southern end and from Amwell Road/CR 514 to Old Somerville Road on the northern end.

The precise timing of the work is subject to change due to weather or other factors. Motorists are encouraged to check NJDOT's traffic website www.511nj.org for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter @NewJerseyDOT and on the NJDOT Facebook page.