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Route 22 eastbound overnight lane closures necessary as Bridge over Chestnut Street replacement project advances in Union Closures needed to set up a traffic shift

(Trenton) – The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) today announced an overnight lane closures on Route 22 eastbound on Friday night and two nights next week, as the project to replace the Bridge over Chestnut Street/CR 619 advances in Union Township, Union County.

Beginning at 10 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, June 18, until 6 a.m., Saturday, June 19, NJDOT's contractor, Ritacco Construction, is scheduled close the right lane on Route 22 eastbound near the Bridge over Chestnut Street/CR 619 in Union Township. This closure will allow the contractor to restripe the road to shift traffic to the right. Once the traffic shift is in place, the lanes will be reduced to 11-feet wide.

On Monday, June 21 and Tuesday, June 22 from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. the next day, the left lane on Route 22 eastbound and westbound will be closed to install construction barrier. This work is in preparation for a westbound traffic shift scheduled for Friday, June 25.

The \$22.7 million federally-funded Route 22 Bridge over Chestnut Street/CR 626 replacement project will replace the existing bridge, which is in poor condition. The new structure will be wider than the existing bridge and will provide two standard 12-foot travel lanes and an 8-foot shoulder in each direction. The project is being constructed in stages to minimize impact to traffic. The bridges are expected to be completed in late 2022.

Variable message signs are being utilized throughout the project limits to provide advance notification to motorists of all traffic pattern changes associated with the bridge replacements. 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 $\underline{www.511nj.org}$ for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter $\underline{@NewJerseyDOT}$ or on the \underline{NJDOT} Facebook page.