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Route 9 lane closures begin next week with alternating traffic for milling and paving in Berkeley, Ocean County Daytime closures begin Monday, overnight closures begin Thursday

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced lane closures with alternating traffic beginning next week for the milling and paving of Route 9 in Berkeley, Ocean County. There will be daytime closures beginning on Monday, November 1 to prepare for paving, which will take place at night beginning on Thursday, November 4.

<u>The project began in July</u> with curb work and the installation of ADA-compliant ramps. Paving was initially expected to begin in the spring of 2022.

Daytime work beginning Monday, November 1

Beginning on Monday, November 1 from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m., NJDOT's Contractor, Earle Asphalt, Inc. is scheduled to close Route 9 southbound with alternating traffic using the northbound lane. Work will not be done on Tuesday November 2, Election Day, but will continue Wednesday, November 3 through Friday, November 5, if necessary. The closure is necessary to reset manholes in preparation for repaving the roadway. Work will begin near Longboat Avenue and progress south to approximately the Bridge over Cedar Creek. Once work is complete on the southbound lane, the northbound lane will be closed with alternating traffic using the southbound lane from the Bridge over Cedar Creek to Longboat Avenue.

Overnight work beginning Thursday, November 4

Starting on Thursday, November 4 from 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. the next day, and continuing Monday through Friday nights for approximately three weeks, the southbound lane on Route 9 is scheduled to be closed with alternating traffic using the northbound lane for milling and paving. Work will begin near Longboat Avenue and progress south to approximately the Bridge over Cedar Creek. Once work is complete on the southbound lane, the northbound lane will be closed with alternating traffic using the southbound lane from the Bridge over Cedar Creek to Longboat Avenue. Paving is expected to be completed before Thanksgiving.

The work is part of a \$9.1 million improvement project that includes lighting, construction of ADA compliant curbs and ramps, sidewalks, milling and paving of approximately eight miles of Route 9 between Jones Road, Lacey and Longboat Avenue, Beachwood. In addition, traffic signals will be upgraded at 13 intersections. The project is anticipated to be complete by fall 2022.

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> or on the <u>NJDOT Facebook page</u>.

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