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## Route 22 overnight ramp closures required this week as bridge replacement project advances in Union County Closures required for ramp widening work

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced several nights of overnight ramp closures on Route 22 as a project to replace the Route 22 Bridges over Route 82 near the Garden State Parkway advances in Union Township, Union County.

Beginning at 11 p.m. tonight, Monday, November 8 until 5 a.m. the following morning, and continuing nightly through Wednesday, November 10, and again Friday, November 12 during the same hours, NJDOT's contractor Joseph M. Sanzari Inc. is scheduled to close the U-turn ramp from Route 22 eastbound to the Garden State Parkway southbound/Route 82 westbound/Route 22 westbound/Union. This will allow the contractor to widen the shoulder on the ramp. Motorists are advised to follow the signed detour that will be in place.

In addition to ramp closures, single lane closures will be required throughout the week on Route 82 westbound and Route 22 westbound near the interchange. Additional ramp closures may be required in the coming weeks as widening work progresses. NJDOT will provide advance notice before any additional ramp closures take place.

The \$40.8 million state-funded project will replace the existing bridges carrying Route 22 eastbound and Route 22 westbound over Route 82, which are in poor condition. The project is located between the Garden State Parkway Exits 140 and Exit 140B, and will be coordinated with any work on the Parkway. Additional improvements include widening Route 22 to provide auxiliary lanes, streamlining ramp movements, sidewalk additions, utility upgrades, and new and improved directional signage. An Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) with camera installations and a Digital Message Sign will also be installed, and an upgraded storm water drainage system will be constructed along Route 22. The project is anticipated to be complete by winter 2023.

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 <a href="www.511nj.org">www.511nj.org</a> for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter <a href="www.9NewJerseyDOT">@NewJerseyDOT</a> and on the <a href="https://www.NJDOT">NJDOT</a> Facebook page.

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