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Route 46 eastbound overnight lane closure for paving work this week as Willowbrook Mall project advances Drainage work and culvert reconstruction complete

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced overnight lane closures required this week on Route 46 eastbound as the Willowbrook Mall project advances between Fairfield, Essex County and Wayne, Passaic County.

Beginning tonight at 8 p.m., Wednesday, November 10 until 6 a.m. tomorrow, and again at 8 p.m., Friday, November 12 until 6 a.m., Saturday, November 13, NJDOT's contractor Anselmi & DeCicco, Inc., is scheduled to close the right lane on Route 46 eastbound between the West Belt Overpass and the entrance ramp to the Willowbrook Mall for barrier removal in preparation for paving and striping. This completes the installation of drainage piping and the reconstruction of the culvert over the Signac Brook.

In the upcoming weeks, additional closures will be required for sign structure installation and final paving of additional locations.

The \$40 million federally-funded Route 46 Bridge over the Passaic River to Willowbrook Mall project will replace the existing eastbound bridge and widen Route 46 from two lanes to three lanes in each direction to enhance safety and ease traffic congestion. Four new overhead sign structures will be built. The project will be completed in three stages with some construction activities being performed at night to reduce the impact to the public. The project is expected to be completed in late 2022.

Portable variable message signs are being utilized to provide advance notification of all 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 www.511nj.org for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news and updates follow us on the NJDOT Facebook page or on Twitter @NewJerseyDOT.