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Route 22 eastbound lane closure Friday night as bridge replacement project advances in Union Township Traffic to be shifted to begin bridge deck work

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced a lane closure on Route 22 eastbound Friday night to begin a bridge replacement in Union Township, Union County.

Beginning at 10 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, February 11, until 6 a.m. Saturday, February 12, NJDOT's contractor, Joseph M. Sanzari, Inc., is scheduled to close the left lane on Route 22 eastbound just before the Garden State Parkway overpass in order to restripe roadway and place construction barrier. The left exit to the Garden State Parkway north will remain open, and at least one lane will be maintained overnight.

By Saturday morning, traffic will be shifted to the right to create a work zone to allow for the demolition and reconstruction of the left side of the Route 22 eastbound Bridge over Route 82. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained during this stage of construction, which is expected to be completed by the end of 2022. Once the left side of the bridge is completed, traffic will be shifted to allow for the reconstruction of the right side of the bridge.

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 also will be installed, and an upgraded storm water drainage system will be constructed along Route 22. The project is anticipated to be complete in the fall 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 www.511nj.org for construction updates and real-time travel information. For NJDOT news follow us on Twitter @NewJerseyDOT and our Facebook page.