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Route 46 westbound lane to be closed for emergency slope and fence repairs in Knowlton, Warren County Traffic to be shifted during construction

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced a short stretch of Route 46 westbound will be closed beginning tomorrow for emergency slope and fence repairs in Knowlton, Warren County.

An approximately 800-foot section of Route 46 westbound will be closed from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, April 19, with alternating traffic using the eastbound lane. The closure is necessary to install construction barrier and restripe the road in order to set up a traffic shift to create a work zone in the westbound lane.

By 3 p.m. tomorrow, traffic will be shifted with Route 46 eastbound using the right shoulder as a travel lane and Route 46 westbound using the eastbound lane. This roadway configuration is expected to be in place for approximately three months.

The traffic shift is necessary for emergency slope and fence repairs near mile post 2.3, which is about a half-mile west of the truck stop. A heavy rainstorm on April 7 caused a mudslide that damaged a portion of the existing rock fall protection along Route 46 westbound. The slope will be stabilized, and the damaged rock fall protection will be restored.

Motorists are advised to use caution and slow down through the work area so crews can safely make the repairs, or motorists may consider alternate routes.

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.