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## Route 22 overnight lane and shoulder closures begin this week for pavement project in Somerset County Work to begin on the eastbound shoulder

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced lane and shoulder closures on Route 22 this week as a pavement preservation project begins in Somerset County.

Beginning at 10 p.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, August 23 until 6 a.m. Wednesday, August 24 and continuing overnight Monday through Friday, NJDOT's contractor Capital Paving and Contracting, is scheduled to close the right shoulder on Route 22 eastbound just before the Chimney Rock Road overpass in Bridgewater through Maple Avenue in North Plainfield for milling. Temporary overnight ramp closures will be necessary. Motorists are advised to follow the signed detours. Paving is expected to begin later in the week.

The project will advance in the eastbound direction, milling and paving the shoulder from the Chimney Rock Road overpass in Bridgewater through Maple Avenue in North Plainfield and then progress in the westbound direction. Once the shoulder is complete in both directions, the project will mill and pave the right lane moving eastbound and then westbound, and then the left lane moving eastbound and then westbound.

The \$5.5 million Route 22 from I-287 to Maple Avenue pavement preservation project will improve the pavement ride quality and extend the roadway pavement life on more than seven miles of Route 22 in both directions in Bridgewater, Bound Brook, Green Brook and North Plainfield, Somerset County. The project will mill and pave the roadway with a High-Performance Thin Overlay (HPTO), apply sealant to pavement joints and cracks, and install rumble strips as necessary. Pavement preservation also will be done on ramps along the project limits at the end of the project. NJDOT will provide advance notice of overnight ramp closures before they are repaved. The project is expected to be completed by the summer 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 construction updates and real-time travel information. For NJDOT news, follow us on Twitter <a href="@NewJerseyDOT">@NewJerseyDOT</a> or on the NJDOT Facebook page.