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Route 22 westbound overnight lane closures required over the next several weeks in Somerset and Union counties Lane closures necessary for milling and paving

(Trenton) – Route 22 westbound is expected to have overnight lane closures over the next several weeks from Mountain Road/CR 634 in Westfield, Union County to Wilson Avenue in North Plainfield, Somerset County as a pavement preservation project begins.

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Monday, March 25, until 6 a.m. Tuesday, March 26, and continuing nightly Monday through Friday at the same times for the next several weeks, a single lane on Route 22 westbound is scheduled to be closed between Mountain Road/CR 634 and Wilson Avenue. The lane closures are necessary for milling and paving. At least one lane will be maintained during construction. Motorists are advised to slow down, use caution, and expect delays while driving through the work zone or plan an alternate route.

This work is part of a \$4.9 million federally funded project that will mill and pave approximately four and a half miles of Route 22 between Wilson Avenue in North Plainfield, Somerset County and Mountain Road/CR 634 in Westfield, Union County. Construction is expected to be completed in late summer 2024.

NJDOT Pothole Campaign

NJDOT's 2024 Pothole Campaign began on March 4. <u>Watch a safety message from Acting Commissioner Fran O'Connor</u> about how NJDOT repairs potholes to keep our roads safe and in a state of good repair.

To repair potholes in the most aggressive and efficient manner during the Pothole Campaign, the Department will be allowing crews throughout the state to close travel lanes where necessary during daytime hours. When possible, crews will limit their daytime work hours from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will try to avoid working in travel lanes carrying traffic during peak times.

It is important to **slow down in work zones** so NJDOT crews can safely make repairs. **New Jersey's Move Over law** requires motorists to move over, if it is safe to do so, when approaching an emergency or service vehicle stopped on the side of the road. If you cannot safely MOVE OVER, PLEASE SLOW DOWN. In addition to our crews monitoring and reporting potholes that need repair on state highways, we encourage motorists to report potholes as well. Motorists may call **1-800-POTHOLE** or go online to <u>report potholes</u> on state roads using a new mapping feature to help identify the exact location of the pothole.

To report potholes on county roads, <u>contact the appropriate jurisdiction</u>. The Department responds as quickly as possible, especially to reports of potholes that create safety concerns based on their size and location.

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 follow us on X (Twitter) @NewJerseyDOT and on the NJDOT Facebook page.

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