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Route 71 daytime lane closures in both directions for several weeks in Monmouth County Route 71 overnight lane closures expected to begin in late July

(Trenton) – Route 71 is scheduled to have daytime lane closures for the next several weeks as the Route 71, Cedar Avenue to Route 35/Neptune Boulevard Pavement Preservation project begins in Monmouth County. This is a continuation of work that began last week. In addition, overnight lane closures on Route 71 are scheduled to begin in mid-July.

Daytime Lane Closures

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. today, Monday, June 24 and continuing daily Monday through Friday at the same time for the next several weeks, a single lane is scheduled to be closed on Route 71 in both directions from Roseld Avenue to Jerome Avenue in Deal Township, where Route 71 is two lanes in each direction. The lane closures are necessary for curb, inlet and pavement repairs. Construction is expected to begin in the left lane and move to the right as work progresses. At least one lane will be maintained.

NJDOT does not allow lane closures on the July 4th Holiday Weekend, unless emergency work is required. Construction on Route 71 in both directions will be restricted from 6 a.m. Wednesday, July 3, until noon, Monday, July 8. Daytime work is expected to resume on Tuesday, July 9.

Nighttime Lane Closures

Starting in mid-July from 8:30 p.m. until 6 a.m. the next day Monday through Thursday nights until late September, a single lane on Route 71 is scheduled to be closed from Cedar Avenue in Deal Township to Route 35/Neptune Boulevard in Eatontown. The lane closures are necessary for pavement repairs. Traffic will be maintained using lane shifts or alternating traffic, on the sections of Route 71 where one lane is maintained in each direction. Where Route 71 is two lanes in each direction, between Roseld Avenue and Jerome Avenue, at least one lane will be maintained during construction.

In addition, ramp closures will be necessary throughout the duration of the project for pavement repairs Monday through Thursday nights from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the next day for the next several weeks. Motorists affected by ramp closures are advised to follow the signed detours.

This work is part of a \$5.5 million federally funded project that will preserve approximately seven miles of pavement on Route 71 between Cedar Avenue in Deal Township and Route 35/Neptune Boulevard in Eatontown, Monmouth County. This project includes paving most ramps within the project limits, as well as repairing curb and reconstructing drainage inlets. This project is expected to be completed in fall 2024.

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 or on the <a href="https://www.seybot.com/nation/www.seybot.com/n

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