

## For Immediate Release:

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## Route 71 overnight lane closures in both directions for several weeks begins tonight in Monmouth County Ramps and side streets to be closed and detoured as needed

**(Trenton)** – Route 71 is scheduled to have overnight lane closures beginning tonight and continuing for the next several weeks as the Route 71, Cedar Avenue to Route 35/Neptune Boulevard Pavement Preservation project advances in Monmouth County.

Beginning at 8:30 p.m. tonight, Wednesday, July 24, until 6 a.m. tomorrow, Thursday, July 25, and continuing Monday through Thursday nights at the same time until late September, a single lane on Route 71 is scheduled to be closed from Cedar Avenue in Deal 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 and side street closures will be necessary throughout the duration of the project for pavement repairs Monday through Thursday nights from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. the next day for the next several weeks. Motorists affected by ramp and side street 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 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 <a href="www.511nj.org">www.511nj.org</a> for real-time travel information, and for NJDOT news follow us on X (Twitter) <a href="@newJerseyDOT">@NewJerseyDOT</a> or on the <a href="NJDOT">NJDOT</a> Facebook page.