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# Route 56 and Route 40 daytime shoulder closures begin Monday in Salem and Cumberland counties Project will also improve Route 45 and Route 322

**(Trenton)** – Route 56 and Route 40 are scheduled to have daytime lane and shoulder closures in both directions over the next several months as a maintenance roadway resurfacing project begins in various locations throughout Cumberland, Salem, and Gloucester counties.

#### **Route 56 Lane Closures**

From 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. beginning Monday, August 19 and continuing daily Monday through Friday for the next several weeks, Route 56 is scheduled to have shoulder closures in both directions from Rainbow Terrace in Pittsgrove, Salem County to just past Route 55 in Vineland, Cumberland County. The closures are necessary for curb and sidewalk repairs.

Milling and paving is expected to begin in September upon completion of the curb and sidewalk repairs. Paving work is scheduled to take place overnight, from 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. the next day, Monday through Friday nights requiring a single lane on Route 56 eastbound and westbound to be closed from Rainbow Terrace to just past Route 55. Traffic will be maintained using alternating traffic.

## **Route 40 Lane Closures (Elmer to Pittsgrove)**

From 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. beginning Monday, August 19 and continuing daily Monday through Friday for the next several weeks, Route 40 is scheduled to have shoulder closures in both directions from 4<sup>th</sup> Street/Garrison Road in Elmer to past the bridge over Elmer Lake in Pittsgrove, Salem County. The closures are necessary for curb and sidewalk repairs.

Milling and paving is expected to begin in September upon completion of the curb and sidewalk repairs. Paving work is scheduled to take place overnight, from 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. the next day, Monday through Friday nights requiring a single lane on Route 40 eastbound and westbound to be closed from 4<sup>th</sup> Street/Garrison Road to past the bridge over Elmer Lake. Traffic will be maintained using alternating traffic.

## **Route 40 Lane Closures (Pilesgrove to Woodstown)**

Work at a second location on Route 40 is expected to start in the coming weeks and take place from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday for the next several months. Route 40 eastbound and westbound are scheduled to have shoulder closures from before Salem-Wood Road/Route 45/Bailey Street/CR 616 in Pilesgrove to past Green Street in Woodstown, Salem County. The closures are necessary for concrete repairs and drainage inlet replacement.

Milling and paving is expected to begin in September upon completion of the concrete repairs and inlet replacement. Paving work is scheduled to take place overnight, from 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. the next day, Monday through Friday nights requiring a single lane on Route 40 eastbound and westbound to be closed from before Salem-Wood Road/Route 45/Bailey Street/CR 616 to past Green Street. Traffic will be maintained using alternating traffic.

### **Route 45 Lane Closures**

Work at two locations on Route 45 is also expected to start in the coming weeks and take place from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday for the next several months. Route 45 northbound and southbound are scheduled to have shoulder closures before Mulica Hill Road/CR 617 to past Swedesboro-Franklinville Road/CR 538 in South Harrison, Gloucester County. In addition, shoulder closures will be required on Route 45 northbound and southbound between Chestnut Street in Mantua and I-295 in Deptford, Gloucester County. The closures are necessary for curb and sidewalk repairs.

Milling and paving is expected to begin in September upon completion of the curb and sidewalk repairs. Paving work is scheduled to take place overnight, from 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. the next day, Monday through Friday nights requiring a single lane on Route 45 northbound and southbound to be closed before Mulica Hill Road/CR 617 to past Swedesboro-Franklinville Road/CR 538 and between Chestnut Street and I-295. At least one lane of traffic will be maintained overnight in each direction.

## **Route 322 Lane Closures**

Work on Route 322 is expected to start in the coming weeks and take place from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday for the next several months. Route 322 eastbound and westbound are scheduled to have shoulder closures between mile post 7.5 and mile post 8.1 in Woolwich, Gloucester County. The closures are necessary for curb and sidewalk repairs.

Milling and paving is expected to begin in September upon completion of the curb and sidewalk repairs. Paving work is scheduled to take place overnight, from 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. the next day, Monday through Friday nights requiring a single lane on Route 322 eastbound and westbound to be closed from mile post 7.5 to mile post 8.1. Where Route 322 is one lane in each direction, alternating traffic will be maintained. Where Route 322 is two lanes in each direction, at least one lane of traffic will be maintained.

Motorists are advised to slow down, use caution, and expect delays when driving through the various work zones.

This work is part of a \$7.9 million state funded maintenance project that will mill and pave approximately two miles of Route 56 in Pittsgrove, Salem County and Vineland, Cumberland County; approximately one mile of Route 40 in Pilesgrove, Pittsgrove, Upper Pittsgrove, Elmer, and Woodstown in Salem County; approximately three miles of Route 45 in South Harrison, Deptford, Matua, West Deptford, Woodbury Heights, and Woodbury in Gloucester County; and approximately a half mile of Route 322 in Woolwich, Gloucester County. In addition to milling and paving these roadways, the project will repair curbs and sidewalks and make electrical upgrades at various intersections within the project limits. This project is expected to be completed by late 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 construction updates and real-time travel information. For NJDOT news follow us on X (Twitter) <a href="www.9leveybot">@NewJerseybot</a> and our <a href="mailto:Facebook page">Facebook page</a>.

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