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Route 202 lane closures in both directions tonight at Old York Road in Branchburg, Somerset County Left Turn and U-Turn movements to be detoured

(Trenton) – Route 202 is expected to have overnight lane closures in both directions tonight at the Old York Road/CR 637 Intersection as a median improvement project begins in Branchburg, Somerset County. In addition, the left turn and U-turn movements at the Route 202-Old York Road Intersection are scheduled to be closed.

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Friday, August 16, until 8 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, August 17, a single lane on Route 202 in both directions is scheduled to be closed at the intersection of Old York Road/CR 637, near the Branchburg Police Department. The lane closures are necessary to restripe the road and shift traffic to create a work zone in the median. Construction barrier is expected to be installed next week.

In addition, the left turn lanes in both directions from Route 202 to Old York Road/CR 637 and the U-Turn ramps are scheduled to be closed and detoured at the same time. The following detours will be in place:

Route 202 northbound U-turn or Left Turn to Old York Road/CR 637 northbound Detour:

- Motorists on Route 202 northbound wishing to turn left onto old York Road/CR 637 northbound will be directed to continue on Route 202 northbound
- Take the Milltown Road exit
- Turn left onto Milltown Road
- Turn left onto Route 202 southbound
- Turn right onto Old York Road/CR 637 northbound

Route 202 southbound Left Turn to Old York Road/CR 637 southbound Detour:

Motorists on Route 202 southbound wishing to turn left onto Old York Road/CR 637 will be directed to turn left onto North Branch River Road, which is approximately one mile north of (before) the Old York Road/CR 637 Intersection, back to old York Road/CR 567

Route 202 southbound U-turn to Route 202 northbound Detour:

 Motorists on Route 202 southbound wishing to take the jughandle to make a U-turn onto Route 202 northbound will be directed to take the jughandle before the Robbins Road/Kenbury Road Intersection, which is approximately a half mile north of (before) the Old York Road/CR 637 Intersection

Or

• Take the jughandle before the Holland-Brook Road Intersection, which is approximately 1.5 miles south of (past) the Old York Road/CR 637 Intersection

By 8 a.m., Saturday, August 17, all lanes on Route 202 will be reopened in both directions with traffic shifted to the right, away from the median. This traffic pattern is expected to remain in place for several months and is necessary to make operational and safety improvements to the intersection. Improvements include reconstructing the median, removing the U-turn jughandles, drainage and curb work, paving the left turn lanes, and updating traffic signals. Motorists are advised to slow down, use caution, and expect delays when driving through the work zone.

This work is part of the \$2.6 million state-funded project that will make operational and safety improvements where Route 202 intersects with Old York Road in Branchburg, Somerset County. This project will permanently close the U-turns at the intersection in both the northbound and southbound directions, mill and pave the roadway, reconstruct curbs, and improve median drainage. The project is expected to be completed in late 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 and on the NJDOT Facebook page.

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