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## Route 42 northbound shoulder closures next week as bridge replacement project begins in Camden County Closures necessary for tree clearing operation

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced daytime shoulder closures on Route 42 northbound as a bridge replacement project begins in Gloucester Township, Camden County.

Beginning at 7 a.m. Monday, January 10 until 3:30 p.m., and continuing daily Monday through Friday for approximately one month, NJDOT's contractor, South State Inc., is scheduled to close the shoulder on Route 42 northbound over Blackwood Railroad Trail near Exit 9B/Old Black Horse Pike in Gloucester Township. This will allow the contractor to complete tree clearing work.

Following completion of tree clearing work on Route 42 northbound, additional shoulder closures may be required to complete tree clearing work on Route 42 southbound. NJDOT will provide advance notice before any additional shoulder closures occur.

The \$21.3 million state-funded project will remove and replace the northbound and southbound Route 42 Bridges over the Blackwood Railroad Trail, which are in poor condition. The new bridges will be a precast arch system 17 feet high for clearance and 22 feet wide for pedestrian and bicycle trail use. In addition, the project will extend and widen the acceleration and deceleration lanes for the interchange with Route 168/Old Black Horse Pike and provide shoulders. Retaining walls will be constructed, and pedestrian and underpass lighting and a security camera will be installed. The work is designed in stages to minimize the impact on traffic. The project is expected to be complete in the summer 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="https://www.511nj.org">www.511nj.org</a> for construction updates and real-time travel information. For NJDOT news follow us on Twitter <a href="https://www.septon.org/">@NewJerseyDOT</a> and our <a href="mailto:Facebook page">Facebook page</a>.