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## Route 22 westbound lane closure Thursday and Friday nights as bridge project advances in Union Township Traffic to be shifted to begin bridge deck work

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced a lane closure on Route 22 westbound tonight and tomorrow night as the Route 22 Bridge over Route 82 replacement project advances in Union Township, Union County.

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Thursday, March 10, until 6 a.m. Friday, March 11, and again from 8 p.m. Friday, March 11 until 6 a.m. Saturday, March 12, NJDOT's contractor, Joseph M. Sanzari, Inc., is scheduled to close one lane on Route 22 westbound near the Garden State Parkway overpass through the exits to the Garden State Parkway South and Route 82 East. Both exits will remain open and at least one lane will be maintained overnight.

In addition, the U-turn lane from Route 22 eastbound to Route 22 westbound will be closed. Motorists will be directed to follow the signed detour using Vauxhall Road. The closures are necessary to restripe the roadway and place construction barrier.

By Saturday morning, traffic will be shifted to the left to create a work zone to allow for the reconstruction of the right side of the Route 22 westbound Bridge over Route 82. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained during this stage of construction, which is expected to be in place for approximately one year.

The \$40.8 million state-funded project will replace the existing bridges carrying Route 22 eastbound and westbound over Route 82, which are in poor condition. The project is located between the Garden State Parkway Exits 140 and Exit 140B, and will be coordinated with any work on the Parkway. Additional improvements include widening Route 22 to provide auxiliary lanes, streamlining ramp movements, adding sidewalks, utility and drainage upgrades, and new directional signage. An Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) with camera installations and a Digital Message Sign also will be installed. The project is anticipated to be complete in the fall 2023.

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 Twitter <a href="www.berseyDOT">@NewJerseyDOT</a> and our <a href="facebook">Facebook</a> page.