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Route 49 westbound section reopens, eastbound section to be closed today as pavement project advances in Salem One lane of traffic to be maintained in each direction during construction

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials announced a portion of Route 49 westbound will reopen today and a stretch of Route 49 eastbound will be closed as a pavement repair project advances in Salem, Salem County.

Beginning at 7 a.m. today, Thursday, August 25, NJDOT's contractor, South State Inc., is scheduled to reopen Route 49 westbound from Oak Street to Front Street and shift traffic onto the newly reconstructed roadway.

Once that section is reopened, Route 49 eastbound from Walnut Street to Keasbey Street is scheduled to be closed with one lane of traffic maintained in each direction on Route 49 westbound. No parking will be allowed on Route 49 westbound in the work zone. The closure is necessary to repair the concrete pavement. This traffic pattern is anticipated to remain in place for approximately two months.

In addition, work is continuing at the intersection of Route 49 and Keasbey Street/Yorke Street, where ADA-compliant ramps will be installed and improvements will be made to the concrete median and traffic signals.

The \$5.1 million state-funded project will repair a 1.2-miles of pavement on Route 49 from Front Street to Keasbey Street/Yorke Street. Route 49 carries two lanes of traffic in each direction. The project will advance in stages, with work beginning on the eastbound side of the road and then the westbound side. In the sections where work is being done, traffic will be shifted to the other side of the road with one lane being maintained in each direction.

In addition to the pavement repairs, improvements will be made at the Front Street intersection and the Keasbey Street/Yorke Street intersection. These improvements include traffic signal upgrades, ADA-compliant ramps, and pedestrian push buttons. The project is expected to be completed in fall 2023.

The precise timing of the work is subject to change due to weather or other factors. Check NJDOT's traffic information website www.511nj.org for real-time travel information. For NJDOT news follow us on Twitter [@NewJerseyDOT](https://twitter.com/NewJerseyDOT) and our [Facebook page](#).

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