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Route 49 westbound section to be detoured starting tomorrow as pavement project advances in Salem Detours in place for two weeks for concrete work

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

Beginning at 7 a.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, October 19, NJDOT's contractor, South State Inc., is scheduled to closed and detour Route 49 westbound from Keasbey Street/Yorke Street to Union Street. The closure is necessary to repair the concrete at the intersection of Route 49 and Keasbey Street/Yorke Street. The following detour will be in place for approximately two weeks:

Route 49 westbound detour:

- Motorists on Route 49 westbound will be directed to turn left onto Grieves Parkway, which is before Keasbey Street
- Turn right onto Front Street back to Route 49

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 spring 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 www.septot and our Facebook page.