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Route 15 daytime lane closures required as intersection improvement project begins in Jefferson New traffic pattern in place on Berkshire Valley Road westbound

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced that varying lane closures will be required on Route 15 in both directions during the day as an intersection improvement project begins in Jefferson, Morris County.

From 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, NJDOT's contractor, Union Paving and Construction, varying single lane closures may be necessary on Route 15 in both directions at the Berkshire Valley Road interchange. The closures, which began on February 21, are required for utility work and are expected to remain in place for the next several weeks. At least two lanes of traffic will be maintained in each direction. The ramps to and from Berkshire Valley Road will remain open. NJDOT will provide notice prior to any future closures as the project advances.

In addition, a new traffic pattern was put in place on Berkshire Valley Road westbound between Knipper Road and the ramp to Route 15 northbound on February 21. Traffic cones were placed, and the road striped to create a work zone with traffic shifted to the left. The new traffic pattern is necessary for utility work. This configuration is expected to be in place until spring 2025.

The work is part of an \$8 million federally-funded project to enhance safety and improve the operation of the signalized intersection of Route 15 and Berkshire Valley Road in Jefferson Township. Improvements include adding a second left turn lane from Berkshire Valley Road southbound to Route 15 southbound, as well as widening and extending the Route 15 northbound through lane. The traffic signals will be replaced, ADA-compliant sidewalks will be constructed, and upgrades will be made to drainage and guiderail. The project is expected to be complete in spring 2025.

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 construction updates and real-time travel information. For NJDOT news follow us on Twitter @NewJerseyDOT and our Facebook page.