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## Route 23 northbound to be closed with alternating traffic tonight as improvement project advances in Hardyston Closures necessary to set up traffic shift

**(Trenton)** – Route 23 northbound is scheduled to be closed tonight with alternating traffic as the Route 23 Corridor Improvement Project advances in Hardyston, Sussex County.

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Friday, May 19, until 5 a.m., tomorrow, Saturday, May 20, NJDOT's contractor Green Construction, is scheduled to close the northbound lane with alternating traffic in the southbound lane between Holland Mountain Road and Lyons Avenue in Hardyston. The closure is necessary to restripe the road to implement a traffic shift. If work is completed early, all lanes will reopen sooner.

By 5 a.m. Saturday, May 20, northbound and southbound traffic will be shifted to the southbound side of the road, utilizing the southbound shoulder as a travel lane. The new traffic pattern will continue for several months to allow for the reconstruction and paving of the northbound lane and shoulder and to begin work on a retaining wall near the intersection of Holland Mountain Road and Snufftown Road.

The \$9.7 million Route 23 Corridor Improvement Project will make safety and operational improvements within three sections of the roadway including the Holland Mountain Road intersection, the Lake Shore Road East intersection, and a section of Route 23 between Laceytown Road and past the Hamburg Mountain Wildlife Parking lot. An improvement to Beaver Lake Road is also planned. Improvements include realigning Snufftown Road to meet Holland Mountain Road and to create a signalized intersection, drainage and pipe installation, and milling and paving. The project is expected to be completed by fall 2023.

Portable variable message signs are being utilized to provide advance notification of all traffic pattern changes associated with the work. 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 real-time travel information and for NJDOT news and updates follow us on the <a href="NJDOT Facebook page">NJDOT Facebook page</a> or on Twitter <a href="www.encourage">@NewJerseyDOT</a>.