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## Route 22 westbound lane closures tomorrow night to restripe in Mountainside, Union County Restriping necessary to shift traffic onto temporary roadway

**(Trenton)** – Route 22 westbound is scheduled to have lane closures tonight on the Bridge over Echo Lake as the bridge deck replacement project advances in Mountainside, Union County.

Beginning at 10 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, November 10, until 8 a.m. Saturday, November 11, lane closures are scheduled on Route 22 westbound from milepost 50.8 near the Hibachi restaurant to milepost 50.6 near the left entrance lane from the eastbound U-turn. Construction is expected to begin in the left lane to restripe the roadway and shift traffic to the left towards the median. Once this work is completed, the left lane will be reopened, and the right lane will be closed to place construction barrier. At least one lane of traffic will be maintained overnight.

By 8 a.m. Saturday, November 11, traffic on Route 22 westbound will be shifted to the left onto the temporary roadway in the median. The traffic shift is necessary to demolish and reconstruct the right side of the bridge. This pattern is expected to remain in place until spring 2024.

The work is part of a \$9 million federally funded project to replace the culvert under the Route 22 Bridge over Echo Lake in Mountainside, Union County. The project will be done in stages in order to maintain all travel lanes throughout the project, which is expected to be completed in fall 2024.

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 and for NJDOT news follow us on X (Twitter) <a href="www.bewlerseyDOT">@NewJerseyDOT</a> and our Facebook page.