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## Route 22 lane closures in both directions this weekend in Mountainside, Union County Route 22 westbound to be shifted onto newly constructed bridge deck

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

Beginning at 9 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, March 14, until 6 a.m. Sunday, March 16, the right lane on Route 22 westbound is scheduled to be closed from milepost 50.8 near the Hibachi restaurant to milepost 50.6 near the left entrance lane from the eastbound U-turn. The lane closure is necessary for final paving and restriping to perform a traffic shift.

In addition, the left lane on Route 22 eastbound is scheduled to be closed from milepost 50.8 to milepost 50.6 at the same time. The lane closure is necessary to reposition construction barrier.

At least one lane of traffic will be maintained during construction. Motorists are advised to slow down, use caution, and expect delays when driving through the work zone.

By 6 a.m. Sunday, March 16, all lanes will be reopened with traffic on Route 22 westbound shifted to the right onto the newly constructed bridge deck.

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 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 <a href="www.511nj.org">www.511nj.org</a> for real-time travel information, and for NJDOT news follow us on X (Twitter) <a href="@NewJerseyDOT">@NewJerseyDOT</a>, the <a href="NJDOT">NJDOT</a> Facebook page, or on Instagram <a href="@NewJersey.DOT">@NewJersey.DOT</a>.