(Trenton) - New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced a series of staggered overnight lane and shoulder closures on Route 9 north and the Route 9 north ramp to Route 18 north in Old Bridge as the pavement rehabilitation project advances in Middlesex County.

Beginning at 10 p.m. tonight, Friday, October 25, NJDOT’s contractor, Earle Asphalt, is scheduled to close the left lane on Route 9 north between Texas Road and the ramp to Route 18 north for roadway striping. At least one lane of traffic will be maintained at all times.

Beginning at 11 p.m., tonight, Friday, October 25, the shoulder on the ramp from Route 9 north to Route 18 north will be closed for roadway striping.

The closures will allow the roadway to be restriped and put back to original traffic pattern. Work will be completed by 6 a.m. Saturday, October 26, and the roadway will be returned to its original condition.

The $14.2 million federally-funded Route 18, South of Texas Road to Rues Lane, Pavement Improvement project is designed to improve safety and traffic flow by making improvements to six miles of deteriorated pavement and the installation of pedestrian safety devices. The project is expected to be completed in late fall 2019.

Variable message signs and detour signs are being utilized throughout the project limits to provide advance notification to motorists of all traffic pattern changes associated with the resurfacing project. 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 and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter @NJDOT_info or on the NJDOT Facebook page.

Please note, the NJDOT Communications Office has a new phone number – 609-963-1975.