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Route 72 eastbound lane closures on Friday night to implement a traffic shift as the project advances in Stafford New traffic pattern needed to construct eastbound right shoulder

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced overnight lane closures Friday night on Route 72 between the Garden State Parkway and Cedar Lane to set up a traffic shift as the Route 72 East Road project advances in Stafford, Ocean County.

Beginning at 8 p.m., Friday, April 10 until 6 a.m. the next day, NJDOT's contractor, Earle Asphalt Company, is scheduled to close two lanes of traffic on Route 72 eastbound and westbound in the area between Garden State Parkway and Cedar Lane to set up a traffic shift. One lane will be maintained overnight.

By Saturday morning, Route 72 eastbound traffic will be shifted to the left toward the newly constructed center barrier, which will allow for the construction of the new right shoulder. Three lanes of traffic will be maintained. The new traffic pattern will be in place for approximately two months. Route 72 westbound will continue to have daily and nightly lane closures.

The \$11.6 million federally-funded Route 72 East Road project will provide highway and signal intersection improvements to address congestion and safety concerns. Improvements are scheduled to include the addition of a 10-foot shoulder in each direction on Route 72 between the Garden State Parkway and the Stafford Square Shopping Center, median widening, new barrier curbs, as well as new traffic signals and roadway improvements at two Route 72 intersections - Roosevelt Boulevard and Doc Cramer Boulevard.

A new, larger jughandle from Route 72 westbound to Doc Cramer Boulevard opened in March 2020 and will help reduce congestion and improve safety for traffic accessing the Stafford Square Shopping Center. A new culvert has been built and two new storm water basins will be constructed further down on Route 72 westbound. West Road will be relocated east from its current location between McDonalds and Mr. Tire to a new location between Element Restaurant and Starboard Plaza. Washington Road, located parallel to Route 72 will end at the new West Road.

Construction is expected to be completed in late 2020. 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](https://twitter.com/NJDOT_info) or on the [NJDOT Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/NJDOT).

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