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Bridge Street overnight closures this week as Route 21 pavement preservation project advances in Newark Closures required for crosswalk repair

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced overnight closures on Bridge Street this week as the Route 21pavement preservation project advances in Newark, Essex County.

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Monday, October 5 until 6 a.m. Tuesday, October 6, NJDOT's contractor, Stavola Contracting Company, is scheduled to close Bridge Street between Route 21 and Atlantic Street. This closure will allow the contractor to make repairs to the crosswalk across Bridge Street. The following signed detour will be in place overnight:

Route 21 southbound to Bridge Street westbound detour:

- Motorists traveling on Route 21 southbound wishing to turn onto Bridge Street westbound will be directed to continue on Route 21 southbound
- Bear right onto Lombardy Place
- Turn right to continue on Lombardy Street
- Turn right onto Broad Street back to Bridge Street/Washington Street

Beginning at 8 p.m. Tuesday, October 6 until 6 a.m. Wednesday, October 7, Bridge Street eastbound and the Bridge over the Passaic River are scheduled to be closed. This closure will allow the contractor to complete crosswalk repairs. The following signed detour will be in place overnight:

Route 21 northbound to Bridge Street eastbound detour:

- Motorists traveling on Route 21 northbound wishing to turn right on Bridge Street eastbound will be directed to continue on Route 21 northbound
- Turn right onto Clay Street and cross the river
- Turn right onto Passaic Avenue back to Bridge Street/Harrison Avenue

The \$3.6 million federally-funded project will extend the functional life of the roadway and improve ride quality on approximately two miles of Route 21 between Lafayette Street and the on-ramp from Passaic Avenue. It will include resurfacing of all travel lanes, turn lanes, ramps, and shoulders with High Performance Thin Overlay (HPTO). It also includes the refurbishment of crosswalks and other ADA improvements. The project is anticipated to be complete by fall 2021.

Variable Message Signs will provide advance notification to motorists of the 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 $\underline{www.511nj.org}$ for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter $\underline{@NJDOT}$ info and on the \underline{NJDOT} Facebook page.

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