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## Route 57 Bridge over Hances Brook is scheduled to reopen both lanes of traffic in Warren County

Intermittent traffic stops necessary as project completes in Mansfield

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced intermittent traffic stops tonight on Route 57 to reopen both lanes of traffic on the Bridge over Hances Brook as the bridge deck overlay project completes in Mansfield, Warren County.

Beginning at 8 p.m., tonight, Thursday, October 15, until 6 a.m., Friday, October 16, NJDOT's contractor, Joseph M. Sanzari, is scheduled to intermittently stop traffic on Route 57 at the Route 57 Bridge over Hances Brook. The intermittent closures are necessary to remove the barriers and reopen the bridge located between Old Turnpike Road and Hazen Road. By Friday morning, traffic will be back to its original traffic pattern.

The \$2.7 million state-funded project is part of a pilot program that is testing the effectiveness of using Ultra High Performance Concrete (UHPC) as a bridge deck overlay to increase deck service life, enhance structural capacity, and reduce future maintenance. While UHPC is currently being used for joint repairs and other maintenance, this is the first time UHPC is being used as a bridge deck overlay in New Jersey. This contract will perform deck and joint repairs, in addition to the application and performance evaluation of the UHPC as a thin-bonded overlay on three bridge decks in North Jersey. A second contract is testing UHPC on a bridge deck in South Jersey.

The pilot program is being carried out in two contracts. This first contract began in August and will resurface the <u>I-295/Route 130 northbound bridge deck over Mantua Creek</u> in West Deptford, Gloucester County. This contract will resurface bridge decks on the following three structures:

- Newark-Jersey City Turnpike/CR 508 ramp to I-280 westbound in Kearny, Hudson County
- Route 57 Over Hances Brook in Mansfield, Warren County
- Route 159 over Passaic River in Montville, Morris County

Variable Message Signs are being used to provide advance notification to motorists of all 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 <a href="www.511nj.org">www.511nj.org</a> for construction updates and real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter <a href="@NJDOT\_info">@NJDOT\_info</a> or on the <a href="NJDOT\_Facebook\_page">NJDOT\_Facebook\_page</a>.