



# NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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## **Route 22 overnight lane closures this week as Bridge over Chestnut Street replacement project begins in Union Initial work will relocate utilities and build temporary bridge**

**(Trenton)** – The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) today announced overnight lane closures beginning tonight on Route 22 as a project to replace the Bridge over Chestnut Street/CR 619 begins in Union Township, Union County.

Beginning at 9 p.m. tonight, Thursday, October 22, until 6 a.m., Friday, October 23, NJDOT's contractor, Ritacco Construction, is scheduled close the right lane on Route 22 westbound near the Bridge over Chestnut Street/CR 619 in Union Township. This closure will allow the contractor to install construction barrier in the shoulder before and after the bridge.

Beginning at 9 p.m., Friday, October 23 until 6 a.m., Saturday, October 24, the right lane on Route 22 eastbound is scheduled to be closed near the Bridge over Chestnut Street/CR 619 to install construction barrier in the shoulder after the bridge.

The first stage of construction will include utility relocation and the construction of a temporary bridge north of the existing bridge. In the coming weeks, lane closures will be required on Chestnut Street/CR 619 to allow the contractor to prepare for demolition and reconstruction of the bridge overhead.

The \$22.7 federally-funded Route 22 Bridge over Chestnut Street/CR 626 replacement project will replace the existing bridge, which is in poor condition. The new structure will be wider than the existing bridge and will provide two standard 12-foot travel lanes and an 8-foot shoulder in each direction. The project is being constructed in stages to minimize impact to traffic. The bridges are expected to be completed in late 2022.

Variable message signs are being utilized throughout the project limits to provide advance notification to motorists of all traffic pattern changes associated with the bridge replacements. 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](http://www.511nj.org) for 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](#).

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