



NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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Route 46 eastbound daytime lane closures next week as Passaic Avenue to Willowbrook Mall project advances

Closures necessary for sign structure removal

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced daytime lane and shoulder closures will be necessary next week for demolition work on Route 46 eastbound between Passaic Avenue/CR 613 and Pompton Avenue/Route 23 as the Route 46 at Passaic Avenue to Willowbrook Mall project advances between Fairfield, Essex County and Wayne, Passaic County.

Beginning at 7 a.m. Monday, January 18 until 3:30 p.m., NJDOT's contractor, Anselmi & DeCicco, Inc. is scheduled to close the shoulder on Route 46 eastbound between Passaic Avenue/CR 613 and Pompton Avenue/Route 23 to begin removal of the existing Digital Message Sign structure.

On Tuesday, January 19 from 7 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., the right lane on Route 46 eastbound will be closed between Passaic Avenue/CR 613 and Pompton Avenue/Route 23. One lane of traffic will be maintained at all times. The right lane may be closed Wednesday, January 20 and Thursday, January 21 from 7 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. if additional work is needed.

The \$40 million federally-funded Route 46 Bridge over the Passaic River to Willowbrook Mall project will replace the existing eastbound bridge and widen Route 46 in both directions from two lanes to three lanes in each direction to enhance safety and ease traffic congestion. Four new overhead sign structures will be built. The project will be completed in three stages with some construction activities being performed at night to reduce the impact to the public. The project is expected to be completed in late 2022.

Portable variable message signs are being utilized to provide advance notification to the motoring public 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 www.511nj.org for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news and updates follow us on the [NJDOT Facebook page](#) or on Twitter @[NewJerseyDOT](#).

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