



NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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Route 82 shoulder closures required next week as safety and improvement project begins in Union County **Eight traffic signals to be replaced**

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the start of a safety improvements and pavement reconstruction project on Route 82 in Union Township, Union County.

Beginning at 9 a.m., Monday, July 26 until 2 p.m., and continuing daily, Monday through Friday for approximately two weeks, NJDOT's Contractor, Black Rock Enterprises, LLC, is scheduled to close the shoulder in a moving operation on Route 82/Morris Avenue in both directions between Caldwell Avenue and Lehigh Avenue to install construction signs.

Lane closures will be necessary in the coming weeks when work begins on ADA-compliant ramps, sidewalks, and curb upgrades. Electrical work also will be completed for traffic signal upgrades. NJDOT will provide advance notice before any additional closures take place.

The \$9.8 million federally funded improvements project includes the full replacement of traffic signals at eight intersections to meet new traffic signal standards. The project also will include upgraded lighting, construction of ADA-compliant curbs and ramps, new sidewalks, drainage improvements, and the milling and paving of approximately eight miles of Route 82/Morris Avenue between Caldwell Avenue and Lehigh Avenue in Union. Milling and paving is expected to begin next year. The project is anticipated to be complete by summer 2023.

Traffic signals will be replaced at the following intersections:

- Caldwell Avenue
- Johnson Place
- Stuyvesant Avenue/CR619
- Lowes Shopping Center (Jughandle)
- Sayre Road /Greenwood Road
- Colonial Avenue
- Salem Road/CR509
- Lehigh Avenue

Caldwell Avenue Intersection Improvements

The intersection of Route 82/Morris Avenue and Caldwell Avenue will be restriped to improve safety and operational performance. The new striping plan on Route 82 eastbound will have a dedicated left-turn lane and left-turn traffic signal phase, as well as a shared through/right-turn lane.

Route 82 westbound will be revised to provide an exclusive left-turn lane, a through lane and a shared through/right-turn lane. Providing dedicated left-turn lanes will ease congestion and improve safety.

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 follow us on Twitter [@NewJerseyDOT](https://twitter.com/NewJerseyDOT) or on the [NJDOT Facebook page](#).

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