



# NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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## **Route 46 eastbound overnight lane closure to establish new work zone as Willowbrook Mall project advances New traffic pattern will allow for culvert demolition and reconstruction**

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced an overnight lane closure on Route 46 eastbound as the Willowbrook Mall project advances between Fairfield, Essex County and Wayne, Passaic County.

Beginning tonight at 8 pm., Friday, October 22 until 6 a.m. the next day, NJDOT's contractor Anselmi & DeCicco, Inc. is scheduled to close the right lane on Route 46 eastbound and shift traffic to the right between the West Belt Overpass and the entrance ramp to the Willowbrook Mall. The closure will allow the contractor to restripe the roadway, shift exit ramp traffic to the right, and place construction barrier creating a new construction zone.

The new traffic pattern and construction zone will allow for the installation of drainage piping and demolition and reconstruction of the culvert over the Signac Brook.

The new configuration will remain in place for several weeks. Upon completion, traffic will be shifted into its final configuration.

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 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 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](http://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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