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Route 49 eastbound closed and detoured between Front Street and Keasbey/Yorke Street in Salem

Detour to be in place for one week

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials announced Route 49 eastbound is closed and detoured between Front Street and Keasbey Street/Yorke Street as a pavement repair project advances in Salem, Salem County.

Beginning after noon yesterday, Monday, June 20, NJDOT's contractor, South State Inc., closed Route 49 eastbound between Front Street and Keasbey Street/Yorke Street after a truck knocked down a tree between Olive Street and Union Street. The closure and detour are expected to continue through Tuesday, June 28 as a safety precaution. Route 49 westbound will remain open. The following detours will be in place:

Route 49 eastbound detour:

- Motorists on Front Street wishing to take Route 49/W Broadway eastbound will be directed to continue on Front Street
- Turn left on Grieves Parkway
- Follow Grieves Parkway back to Route 49

Route 45/Market Street southbound to Route 49 eastbound detour:

- Motorists on Route 45/Market Street southbound wishing to take Route 49/W
 Broadway eastbound will be directed turn right on Route 49/W Broadway westbound
- Turn left on Front Street
- Turn left on Grieves Parkway
- Follow Grieves Parkway back to Route 49

Route 49 westbound traffic from the Keasbey Street/Yorke Street intersection to 7th Street is shifted into the eastbound lanes to allow for the reconstruction of the concrete pavement in the westbound lanes.

The \$5.1 million state-funded project will repair 1.2-miles of pavement on Route 49 from Front Street to Keasbey Street/Yorke Street. Route 49 carries two lanes of traffic in each direction. The project will advance in stages, with work beginning on the eastbound side of the road and then the westbound side. In the sections where work is being done, traffic will be shifted to the other side of the road with one lane being maintained in each direction.

In addition to the pavement repairs, improvements will be made at the Front Street intersection and the Keasbey Street/Yorke Street intersection. These improvements include

traffic signal upgrades, ADA-compliant ramps, and pedestrian push buttons. The project is expected to be completed in the fall 2023.

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