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## Route 21 lane and shoulder closures next week as pavement preservation project begins in Essex and Passaic counties Two lanes of traffic will be maintained in both directions

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced lane and shoulder closures on Route 21 next week as a pavement preservation project begins in Belleville and Nutley, Essex County and Clifton and Passaic, Passaic County.

Beginning at 9 a.m. Monday, August 8, until 3 p.m., NJDOT's contractor, Della Pello Paving, is scheduled to close the left lane on Route 21 in both directions between Terry Street in Belleville and Dayton Street in Passaic for survey work. In addition, the shoulder will be closed in both directions for the installation of constructions signs. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained in both directions during construction.

In the upcoming weeks, daytime lane closures on Route 21 in both directions will be required for curb work and concrete deck repairs. Milling and paving of Route 21 is expected to begin in 2023. NJDOT will provide advanced notification prior to any future closures.

This work is part of a \$8.8 million federally-funded project that will preserve approximately five miles of pavement on Route 21 in Belleville and Nutley in Essex County, and Clifton and Passaic in Passaic County. In addition, concrete deck repairs will be made to approximately 8 bridges on Roue 21. This project is expected to be complete in fall 2023.

Variable Message Signs will be used to provide advanced notification to motorists. The precise timing of work is subject to change due to weather or other factors.

Motorists are encouraged to check NJDOT's traffic information website <a href="www.511nj.org">www.511nj.org</a> for construction updates and real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter <a href="@NewJerseyDOT">@NewJerseyDOT</a> and our <a href="Facebook page">Facebook page</a>.