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Main Road/CR 555 closed this morning as Route 40 intersection project begins in Franklin, Gloucester County Traffic will be detoured for approximately two months

(Trenton) – Main Road/CR 555 between Route 40 and Weymouth Road was closed and detoured this morning in both directions as an intersection improvement project begins in Franklin Township, Gloucester County.

Beginning at 7 a.m. today, Monday, March 18, Main Road/CR 555 was closed and detoured in both directions between Route 40 and Weymouth Road. The closure is expected to remain in place for approximately two months and is necessary to install curb and begin intersection reconstruction. Access will be maintained for residents. The following detour will be in place through May 2024:

Main Road/CR 555 northbound detour:

- Traffic on Main Road/CR 555 northbound will be directed to turn right onto Weymouth Road/CR 690 eastbound
- Turn left onto South Brewster Road/CR 672 northbound
- Turn left onto Route 40/Harding Highway westbound, back to Main Road/CR 555

Main Road/CR 555 southbound detour:

- Traffic on Main Road/CR 555 southbound will be directed to turn left onto Route 40/Harding Highway eastbound
- Turn right onto South Brewster Road/CR 672 southbound
- Turn right onto Weymouth Road/CR 690 westbound, back to Main Road/CR 555

The work is part of a \$2.2 million federally funded project to enhance safety and improve the operation of the signalized intersection of Route 40 and Main Road/CR 555 in Franklin Township, Gloucester County. Improvements include adding right turn ramps from Main Road/CR 555 to Route 40, as well as repaving and raising the intersection by nearly two feet. The traffic signals will be replaced; new concrete median islands will be installed; ADA-compliant curb ramps and sidewalks will be constructed; and upgrades will be made to drainage inlets. The project is expected to be completed by summer 2024.

NJDOT Pothole Campaign

NJDOT's 2024 Pothole Campaign began on March 4. <u>Watch a safety message from Acting Commissioner Fran O'Connor</u> about how NJDOT repairs potholes to keep our roads safe and in a state of good repair.

To repair potholes in the most aggressive and efficient manner during the Pothole Campaign, the Department will be allowing crews throughout the state to close travel lanes where necessary during daytime hours. When possible, crews will limit their daytime work hours from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will try to avoid working in travel lanes carrying traffic during peak times.

It is important to **slow down in work zones** so NJDOT crews can safely make repairs. **New Jersey's Move Over law** requires motorists to move over, if it is safe to do so, when approaching an emergency or service vehicle stopped on the side of the road. If you cannot safely MOVE OVER, PLEASE SLOW DOWN.

In addition to our crews monitoring and reporting potholes that need repair on state highways, we encourage motorists to report potholes as well. Motorists may call **1-800-POTHOLE** or go online to <u>report potholes</u> on state roads using a new mapping feature to help identify the exact location of the pothole.

To report potholes on county roads, <u>contact the appropriate jurisdiction</u>. The Department responds as quickly as possible, especially to reports of potholes that create safety concerns based on their size and location.

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 construction updates and real-time travel information. For NJDOT news follow us on X (Twitter) @NewJerseyDOT and our Facebook page.

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