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Route 71/Norwood Avenue to be closed overnight this week for priority drainage repairs in Long Branch, Monmouth County Alternating traffic overnight Friday and next week

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced Route 71/Norwood Avenue is scheduled to be closed overnight this week for priority drainage repairs in Long Branch, Monmouth County.

Beginning at 10:30 p.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, April 24, until 5:30 a.m., Thursday, April 25, and again on Thursday, April 25 at the same time, Route 71/Norwood Avenue is scheduled to be closed in both directions between Roosevelt Avenue and Cedar Avenue. Local access will be maintained for residents and businesses. The closure is necessary for priority drainage repairs near Stratton Place.

In addition, from 10 p.m. Friday, April 26 until 6 a.m. Saturday, April 27 and continuing weeknights Monday, April 29 through Friday, May 3 at the same times, one lane on Route 71 is scheduled to be closed with alternating traffic. The following car and truck detours will be in place overnight on Wednesday, April 24 and Thursday, April 25:

Route 71 northbound Car detour:

- Traffic on Route 71 northbound will be directed to turn left onto Roosevelt Avenue
- Turn right onto Monmouth Road
- Turn right onto Route 71/Cedar Avenue
- Turn right onto Route 71/Norwood Avenue southbound

Route 71 southbound Car detour:

- Traffic on Route 71/Cedar Avenue westbound will be directed to continue on Cedar Avenue and turn left onto Monmouth Road
- Turn left onto Roosevelt Avenue
- Turn left onto Route 71/Norwood Avenue northbound

Route 71 northbound Truck detour:

- Trucks on Route 71 northbound will be directed to turn left onto Route 33/Corlies Avenue in Neptune Township, *which is several miles before the car detour begins*
- Turn right onto Route 35 northbound
- Turn right onto Route 36 eastbound
- Turn right onto Route 71/Monmouth Road southbound

Route 71 southbound Truck detour:

- Trucks on Route 71 southbound will be directed to turn right onto Route 36 westbound in West Long Branch, *which is several miles before the car detour begins*
- Stay right to take the ramp to Route 35 southbound
- Turn left onto Route 33/Corlies Avenue eastbound
- Turn left onto Route 71/Monmouth Road northbound

Variable messaging 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 <u>www.511nj.org</u> for construction updates and real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on X (Twitter) <u>@NewJerseyDOT</u> or on the <u>NJDOT Facebook page</u>.

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