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Route 46 eastbound lane closures Thursday night as Willowbrook Mall project advances Auxiliary lane and shoulder to remain closed for sign construction

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced traffic shifts and lane closures tomorrow night on Route 46 eastbound as the Willowbrook Mall project advances between Fairfield, Essex County and Wayne, Passaic County. This work was originally scheduled to take place on December 2.

Beginning at 8 p.m. tomorrow, Thursday, December 16 until 6 a.m. Friday, December 17, NJDOT's contractor Anselmi & DeCicco, Inc., is scheduled to close the right lane and then left lane on Route 46 eastbound between Passaic Avenue and the entrance ramp to the Willowbrook Mall to restripe the road into its final configuration. By Friday morning, the Route 46 eastbound lanes will be restriped with one 5-foot left shoulder, two 12-foot lanes, one auxiliary lane, and one 12-foot right shoulder.

The auxiliary land and shoulder will be closed to allow for the completion of the overhead sign structure in the coming weeks. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained, and the ramp from Passaic Avenue onto Route 46 eastbound and the exit ramp to the Mall will remain open.

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.

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