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## Route 82/Morris Avenue eastbound ramp to Route 22 eastbound closed and detoured in Union Township Long-term closure necessary for bridge deck and ramp work

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the long-term closure and detour of the Route 82/Morris Avenue eastbound ramp to Route 22 eastbound starting tonight in Union Township, Union County.

Beginning at 10 p.m. tonight, Friday, January 21, NJDOT's contractor, Joseph M. Sanzari, Inc., is scheduled to close and detour the Route 82/Morris Avenue eastbound ramp to Route 22 eastbound. The closure will allow for the replacement of the Route 22 eastbound Bridge over Route 82 and improvements to the ramp. The ramp is expected to remain closed through the fall of 2023. The following detour will be in place:

## Route 82/Morris Avenue eastbound ramp to Route 22 eastbound detour

- Motorists on Route 82 eastbound/Morris Avenue wishing to take the ramp to Route
  22 eastbound will be directed to continue on Route 82 eastbound
- Stay right and take the jughandle across from the Lowe's Home Store to make a Uturn onto Route 82/Morris Avenue westbound
- Take the ramp for the Garden State Parkway/Route 22
- Stay right at the fork to Route 22 eastbound

The \$40.8 million state-funded project will replace the existing bridges carrying Route 22 eastbound and Route 22 westbound over Route 82, which are in poor condition. The project is located between the Garden State Parkway Exits 140 and Exit 140B, and will be coordinated with any work on the Parkway. Additional improvements include widening Route 22 to provide auxiliary lanes, streamlining ramp movements, sidewalk additions, utility upgrades, and new and improved directional signage. An Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) with camera installations and a Digital Message Sign also will be installed, and an upgraded storm water drainage system will be constructed along Route 22. The project is anticipated to be complete in the fall 2023.

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 <a href="www.511nj.org">www.511nj.org</a> for construction updates and real-time travel information. For NJDOT news follow us on Twitter <a href="www.berseyDOT">@NewJerseyDOT</a> and our <a href="facebook">Facebook</a> page.