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Route 27 southbound lane closure at Orchard Street as sinkhole repair continues in Rahway, Union County Orchard Street closed during construction

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the continued closure of the right lane on Route 27 southbound and the reopening of Plainfield Avenue to local traffic as a sinkhole repair advances in Rahway, Union County.

Beginning at 7 a.m. tomorrow, Thursday, May 5, NJDOT's contractor, IEW Construction Group, will relocate construction barrier to shift the Route 27 southbound right lane closure one block from Plainfield Avenue to Orchard Street in Rahway. Plainfield Avenue will be reopened to local traffic and Orchard Street will be closed. The closure is necessary to continue replacing a collapsed drainage pipe. The repair is expected to be completed in a few weeks. The following detour for Orchard Street will be in place:

Route 27 to Orchard Street detour:

- Motorists on Route 27 southbound wishing to turn right onto Orchard Street will be directed to continue on Route 27 southbound
- Turn right at Albermarle Street
- Turn right on Jefferson Avenue back to Orchard Avenue

The project is part of a larger \$10.5 million state-funded maintenance contract to repair storm water and drainage structures in eight counties throughout North Jersey.

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 and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter @NewJerseyDOT or on the NJDOT Facebook page.