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Route 22 lane and ramp closures tonight as Route 22 Bridge over Echo Lake project begins in Mountainside Closures necessary to install barrier to create median work zone

(Trenton) – The left lane on Route 22 eastbound will be closed tonight, Monday, November 14 from 9 p.m. until 6 a.m. Tuesday, November 15 just before the exit ramp to Mountain Avenue/Westfield through Locust Avenue in Mountainside, Union County. In addition, the left lane on Route 22 westbound will be closed at the same time between Walnut Avenue and the first U-turn ramp from Route 22 westbound to Route 22 eastbound. The lane and ramp closures are necessary to install construction barrier and establish a median work zone for the start of the Route 22 Bridge over Echo Lake project.

By 6 a.m. Tuesday, the left shoulders on Route 22 eastbound and westbound will be closed and traffic will be shifted to the right with two 11-foot lanes being maintained throughout the project. The shoulder closure is expected to remain in place for approximately two months.

In addition, the first of three consecutive U-turn ramps from Route 22 westbound to Route 22 eastbound will be closed tonight and is expected to remain closed for the duration of the project. Motorists on Route 22 westbound wishing to take the ramp to Route 22 eastbound will be directed to the next U-turn ramp. The U-turn ramp from Route 22 eastbound to Route 22 westbound will remain open.

On Wednesday, November 16 and Thursday, November 17, from 9 p.m. until 6 a.m. the next day, a single lane will again be closed in each direction in the same area. At least one lane will be maintained overnight.

The work is part of a \$9 million federally-funded project to replace the culvert under the Route 22 Bridge over Echo Lake in Mountainside, Union County. The project will be done in stages in order to maintain all travel lanes throughout the project, which is expected to be completed in the fall of 2024.

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 Twitter [@NewJerseyDOT](https://twitter.com/NewJerseyDOT) and our [Facebook page](#).

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