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Route 1 southbound widening project extended from the Quaker Bridge Mall overpass to I-295 ramp in Mercer County Route 1 southbound ramp to I-295 northbound to be closed during the day

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the Route 1 southbound widening project from Nassau Park Boulevard to the Quaker Bridge Mall overpass is being extended to widen Route 1 through the ramp to I-295 in Mercer County.

From 6 a.m. until 4 p.m., beginning today, Monday, March 30, and continuing daily Monday through Friday, NJDOT's contractor, South State Inc., will close and detour the ramp from Route 1 southbound to I-295 northbound, as well as the right lane on Route 1 southbound for drainage work. The closure will continue through the spring 2020. The following signed detour will be in place.

Route 1 southbound to I-295 northbound ramp detour:

- Motorists wishing to take the Route 1 southbound to I-295 northbound ramp will be directed to continue on Route 1
- Take the following exit for I-295 south
- Continue on I-295 south to Exit 65A/Sloan Avenue
- Take the ramp onto I-295 north

The original project to widen Route 1 southbound between Nassau Park Boulevard in West Windsor and Quaker Bridge Overpass in Lawrence began in the spring 2018. Extending the project from Quaker Bridge Overpass to the ramp to I-295 northbound will add \$1.8 million to the project, bringing the total cost to \$15.8 million.

The southbound roadway includes two express lanes and one local lane providing access to businesses along Route 1. The project is widening Route 1 to include a third express lane and will add an auxiliary lane from Nassau Park Boulevard to the Quaker Bridge Mall overpass in the local lanes. The extension of the project will continue the new auxiliary lane from the Quaker Bridge Mall overpass to near the last business before the ramp to I-295 northbound.

Widening Route 1 will improve capacity and safety on the roadway, and improve access to and from the Mercer Mall and other adjacent businesses. Access to all locations will be maintained throughout the project. The project is expected to be completed in the fall 2020. NJDOT will provide more information before any lane closures are scheduled.

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 real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter @NJDOT info or on the NJDOT Facebook page.