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Route 46 westbound access to Drakestown Road closed during the day this week in Washington, Morris County Closure and detour to begin Wednesday morning for conduit repair

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced that access to Drakestown Road from Route 46 westbound will be closed and detoured for two days in Washington, Morris County as the pavement preservation project advances.

Beginning at 7 a.m., Wednesday, May 27, until 3 p.m., and again from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m., Thursday, May 28, NJDOT's contractor Crisdel, will close and detour Drakestown Road from Route 46 westbound to perform conduit repairs. Drakestown Road will be reopened to traffic each afternoon. The following detour will be in place:

Route 46 westbound to Drakestown Road detour

- Motorists on Route 46 westbound wanting to turn right onto Drakestown Road will be directed to continue on Route 46 westbound
- Turn right onto East Avenue
- Continue on East Avenue/Mine Hill Road back to Drakestown Road

The \$8 million state-funded project will extend the pavement life, improve safety and enhance ride quality for motorists. In addition to milling and paving, the project will make drainage improvements and ADA-upgrades to sidewalks and intersections. The project is expected to be completed by fall 2020.

Variable messaging signs are being utilized to provide advance notification to the motoring public of all traffic pattern changes associated with the work. 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 construction updates and real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter www.NJDOT info or on the NJDOT Facebook page.