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Bloy Street Bridge over Route 22 to be closed Friday night as the bridge replacement project advances in Hillside, Union County Lane closures and slowdowns will be required on Route 22 overnight

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the overnight closure of the Bloy Street Bridge over Route 22, as well as lane closures and traffic slowdowns on Route 22 as the bridge replacement project advances in Hillside, Union County.

Beginning at 9 p.m., tomorrow, Friday, February 12, until 9 a.m. Saturday, February 13, NJDOT's contractor, RenCor Inc., is scheduled to close and detour the Bloy Street Bridge over Route 22. The right lanes on Route 22 in each direction near the bridge are also scheduled to be closed overnight. These closures will allow the contractor to erect six steel beams required to reconstruct the Bloy Street Bridge over Route 22. Several traffic slowdowns will be required overnight on Route 22 in both directions while the beams are being erected. The following signed detours will be in place overnight:

Bloy Street Bridge northbound detour:

- Motorists traveling north on Bloy Street wishing to cross over Route 22 will be directed to turn right onto Long Avenue
- Turn left onto Liberty Avenue
- Turn left onto Hillside Avenue
- Turn left onto Hillside Avenue at the intersection with Chestnut Avenue
- Turn right onto Bloy Street

Bloy Street Bridge southbound detour:

- Motorists traveling south on Bloy Street wishing to cross over Route 22 will be directed to proceed to turn left onto Hillside Avenue
- Turn right onto Hillside Avenue at the intersection with Chestnut Avenue
- Turn right onto Liberty Avenue
- Turn right onto Long Avenue
- Turn left onto Bloy Street

The Bloy Street Bridge over Route 22 project consists of four stages and will replace the overpass, which is in poor condition, and improve the turning movements on the Route 22 eastbound and westbound ramps to and from Bloy Street. The new bridge will meet current design and safety standards and improve

the vertical under clearance over Route 22. The project also will widen the Route 22 eastbound and westbound lanes to and from Bloy Street, as well as provide sidewalks and improve curb ramps to meet ADA standards. It is expected to be completed in the summer of 2023.

Variable messaging signs are being utilized to provide advance notification to the motoring public of all traffic pattern changes associated with the work. 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 and our Facebook page.

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