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## Route 49 eastbound closed next week as pavement repair project begins in Salem County

One lane of traffic to be maintained in each direction during shift

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced a portion of Route 49 eastbound will be closed next week as a pavement repair project begins on Route 49 from Front Street to Keasbey Street/Yorke Street in Salem, Salem County. This work was originally scheduled to begin on Monday, January 10.

Beginning at 7 a.m. Monday, January 17, NJDOT's contractor, South State Inc., is scheduled to close Route 49 eastbound and shift traffic from Front Street to slightly past Fifth Street. During the closure, one lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction on Route 49 westbound. No parking will be allowed on Route 49 westbound in the work zone. The closure is necessary to repair the concrete pavement. This traffic pattern is anticipated to remain in place for approximately one month.

In addition, on Monday work will begin at the intersection of Route 49 and Keasbey Street/Yorke Street, where ADA-compliant ramps will be installed and improvements will be made to the concrete median and traffic signals.

The \$5.1 million state-funded project will repair a 1.2-miles of pavement on Route 49 from Front Street to Keasbey Street/Yorke Street. Route 49 carries two lanes of traffic in each direction. The project will advance in stages, with work beginning on the eastbound side of the road and then the westbound side. In the sections where work is being done, traffic will be shifted to the other side of the road with one lane being maintained in each direction.

In addition to the pavement repairs, improvements will be made at the Front Street intersection and the Keasbey Street/Yorke Street intersection. These improvements include traffic signal upgrades, ADA-compliant ramps, and pedestrian push buttons. The project is expected to be completed in fall 2023.

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 <a href="https://www.511nj.org">www.511nj.org</a> for construction updates and real-time travel information. For NJDOT news follow us on Twitter <a href="https://www.septons.org/">@NewJerseyDOT</a> and our <a href="mailto:Facebook page">Facebook page</a>.