



NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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Route 22 lane closures in both directions tonight as Route 22 Bridge over Echo Lake project advances in Mountainside Closures necessary to shift eastbound traffic

(Trenton) – The left lane on Route 22 eastbound will be closed tonight, Friday, December 2 from 9 p.m. until 10 a.m. Saturday, December 3 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, which was closed in November. The lane closures are necessary to pave and stripe a temporary roadway in the median.

At least one lane of traffic will be maintained in both directions overnight. Motorists are advised to slow down, use caution, and expect delays or plan an alternate route.

By 10 a.m. Saturday, all traffic on Route 22 eastbound will be shifted to the left onto the temporary roadway, to reconstruct the culvert under the eastbound lanes. In addition, the left lane on Route 22 westbound will be reopened to traffic. If work is completed sooner, the road will reopen earlier.

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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