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Bloomfield Avenue lane closures required for start of bridge rehabilitation project in Essex County Project to advance in stages to minimize effect on traffic

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the closure of lanes on Bloomfield Avenue for the start of a project to rehabilitate the Bloomfield Avenue/CR 506 Bridge over NJ TRANSIT in Montclair.

Beginning at 9 p.m. Monday, October 8, until 5 a.m., the next day, and continuing overnights until Friday morning, October 12, NJDOT's contractor IEW Construction Group Inc., is scheduled to temporarily close two lanes on Bloomfield Avenue to begin preparation work on the start of a bridge rehabilitation project. During the preparation work, two lanes will be closed on either Bloomfield Avenue eastbound or Bloomfield Avenue westbound with **one lane maintained in each direction.**

On Friday, October 12 at 9 p.m. until 5 a.m., the next day, NJDOT's contractor will again close lanes on Bloomfield Avenue to install a construction barrier and restripe the roadway. Once complete, a work zone will be created that maintains one lane westbound and two lanes eastbound. The single westbound lane closure is expected to remain in place for the next several months. A minimum of one lane will be maintained in each direction during construction.

The \$11.7 million state-funded Bloomfield Avenue Bridge rehabilitation project will replace the bridge superstructure, which is in poor condition, located on Bloomfield Avenue/CR506 over NJ TRANSIT's Montclair Rail Line near Maple Avenue. The project will be replacing the existing superstructure and will make necessary repairs to address the integrity of the substructure, including repairs to the existing wing walls. In addition the bridge parapets and approach slabs will be repaired or replaced as needed. The four lane bridge consists of two lanes and a pedestrian sidewalk in each direction. Construction on the bridge is expected to be completed by summer 2020.

The project will be advanced in stages, in order to minimize impacts to motorists. As construction advances, a temporary shuttle will be provided to accommodate pedestrians during necessary sidewalk closures on the bridge.

The Department will coordinate with NJ TRANSIT and local authorities in advance of any required closures resulting from the construction project.

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](https://twitter.com/NJDOT_info) or on the [NJDOT Facebook page](#).

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