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I-80 westbound lane closures needed for emergency structural repairs underneath the highway in Paterson

Expect heavy congestion during the evening commute as repairs are expected to go through the night

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the emergency closure of the two left lanes on I-80 westbound just west of Exit 60/Lakeview Avenue to just past Exit 57A/Route 19 for emergency structural steel repairs underneath the highway in Paterson. Two lanes out of four remain open.

The emergency repairs to beams underneath I-80 near Spring Street are expected to continue through the evening commute and be completed overnight, with the westbound lanes reopening before Saturday morning. Expect heavy congestion and delays in the area, particularly during tonight's evening commute.

Spring Street also has lanes closures to allow for the repair work under I-80, but it remains open to local traffic.

The repairs are necessary because of severe deterioration to beams under I-80 compromising the integrity of the highway to carry the weight of traffic. The lanes were closed as a safety precaution. All repair work is taking place under I-80, so motorists should not expect to see crews working in I-80 travel lanes.

If work is completed early, the road will reopen sooner. 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 www.511nj.org for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter www.511nj.org for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter www.511nj.org for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter www.511nj.org for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter www.511nj.org for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter www.511nj.org for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter www.511nj.org for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter www.511nj.org for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter www.511nj.org for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follows the work of the work of

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