



# NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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## **I-78 westbound lane closures required as Bridge over Raritan River replacement project begins in Bedminster, Somerset County** **Lane closures required to shift traffic overnight**

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced lane closures and a traffic shift as the I-78 Bridge over North Branch of Raritan River replacement project begins in Bedminster, Somerset County.

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Friday, August 13, NJDOT's contractor, Ferreira Construction Co., is scheduled to close the right lane on I-78 westbound near the Bridge over the North Branch of the Raritan River in Bedminster. At 11 p.m., the center lane also will be closed. At 1 a.m., the right lane will reopen and the left lane will be closed. These closures will allow the contractor to install construction barrier and restripe the roadway to prepare for a traffic shift.

By 6 a.m. Saturday, August 14, all three lanes will reopen, with traffic shifted to the right into the shoulder. This traffic shift will create a work zone to construct a temporary bridge to carry I-78 westbound over the river while the existing bridge is being reconstructed. This shift is anticipated to remain in place through the end of the year.

The \$6.5 million federally-funded project will replace the existing bridge carrying I-78 westbound over the North Branch of the Raritan River, which is in poor condition. The project is anticipated to be complete in 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 [www.511nj.org](http://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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