



# NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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## **I-78 westbound lane and shoulder closures this weekend as Bridge over Raritan River project advances in Bedminster Closures necessary for concrete deck pour**

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced lane and shoulder closures this weekend on I-78 westbound as the Bridge over the North Branch of the Raritan River replacement project advances in Bedminster, Somerset County.

Beginning at 11:59 p.m., tonight, Friday, August 5, until 6 a.m., Monday, August 8, NJDOT's contractor, Ferreira Construction Co., is scheduled to close the right lane and shoulder on I-78 westbound after the merge with traffic from I-287. The lane and shoulder closures are necessary for a concrete deck pour between the newly constructed right side of the bridge and the temporary bridge in the median. Two lanes will be maintained through the weekend. Expect congestion and delays.

The \$6.9 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. Construction will take place in multiple stages to maintain three lanes in each direction on I-78 during construction. A temporary bridge has been built to carry two lanes of traffic with one lane maintained on the existing bridge during construction. The project is anticipated to be complete in 2023.

Variable Message Signs will be used to provide advanced notification to motorists. 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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