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Route 1&9 southbound Express ramp to Route 81 southbound to be closed and detoured tonight in Elizabeth, Union County Closure necessary for barrier repairs

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced that the Route 1&9 southbound Express ramp to Route 81 southbound will be closed and detoured tonight for barrier repairs in Elizabeth, Union County.

Beginning at 11 p.m. tonight, Friday, January 20, until 6 a.m., Saturday, January 21, NJDOT's contractor, Mount Construction Co., Inc., is scheduled to close and detour the Route 1&9 southbound Express ramp to Route 81 southbound to make barrier repairs. The ramp from Route 1&9 southbound Local to Route 81 southbound will remain open during construction. The following detour will be in place:

Route 1&9 southbound Express ramp to Route 81 southbound detour:

- Motorists on Route 1&9 southbound Express wishing to take the ramp to New Jersey Turnpike/I-95/Dowd Avenue/North Avenue/Elizabeth Seaport/U-turn will be directed to continue on Route 1&9 southbound Express
- Stay in the right lane
- Bear right onto Meadow Street just past the Exxon Station
- Turn left onto Fairmount Avenue
- Turn left onto Route 1&9 northbound
- Keep right to take the ramp to North Avenue eastbound/New Jersey Turnpike/I-95
- Turn right onto North Avenue, back to Route 81

The work is part of a \$21.6 million state-funded maintenance project to repair concrete structures at various locations in eight counties throughout North Jersey.

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 and our Facebook page.