



NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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I-78 westbound left lane closure required today for rockfall mitigation project in Hunterdon County I-78 eastbound right shoulder to be closed as well

(Trenton) – The left lane on I-78 westbound is scheduled to be closed today for a rockfall mitigation project in Bethlehem, Hunterdon County. In addition, the right shoulder on I-78 eastbound will be closed.

From 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. today, Friday, April 14, NJDOT's contractor, Ferreira Construction Co., Inc., is scheduled to close the left lane on I-78 westbound and the right shoulder on I-78 eastbound between milepost 9.9 and milepost 10.5. The closures are necessary for site clearing and rock removal. At least two lanes will be maintained on I-78 westbound during construction. Motorists are advised to slow down, use caution, and expect delays or plan an alternate route.

Blasting is expected to begin as early as next week and will take place during the day, Monday through Saturdays, with temporary 20-minute stoppages of traffic in both directions, through the beginning of September. New Jersey State Police will be assisting with the temporary closures. NJDOT will provide notice before any longer lane closures occur.

The \$29.8 million federally-funded project will mitigate rockfall hazards along a section of I-78 eastbound and westbound between milepost 9.96 and milepost 10.55. It includes rock scaling to cut back the slope and excavation to widen the catch area to prevent rocks from potentially reaching the highway. In addition, there will be drainage improvements. The project is anticipated to be complete by fall 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 for construction updates and real-time travel information. For NJDOT news follow us on Twitter [@NewJerseyDOT](https://twitter.com/NewJerseyDOT) and our [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/njdott).

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