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## I-80 westbound ramp to Route 20 northbound to be closed and detoured overnight in Paterson

Ramp will reopen to cars Saturday and truck detour will be in place for several weeks

**(Trenton)** – The I-80 westbound ramp to Route 20 northbound is scheduled to be closed and detoured tonight as the Route 20 Paterson Safety, Drainage, and Resurfacing project advances in Paterson, Passaic County. In addition, Route 20 northbound is scheduled to have a single lane closure for several weeks beginning tonight.

## I-80 westbound to Route 20 northbound

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Friday, August 18 until 6 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, August 19, the I-80 westbound ramp to Route 20 northbound will be closed and detoured to implement a traffic shift. The ramp will reopen to cars on Saturday morning, with traffic shifted to the left. Motorists will be required to come to a full stop before merging onto Route 20 northbound. This traffic pattern will be in place for several weeks for gas line relocation. The ramp will remain closed to truck traffic for several weeks with the following signed detour in place:

## I-80 westbound to Route 20 northbound truck detour:

- Trucks on I-80 westbound wishing to take the ramp to Route 20 northbound will be directed to continue I-80 westbound
- Take Exit 59 to Market Street/Paterson
- Stay left and follow signs for Route 46/Route 20/I-80
- Cross over I-80 and turn left to take the ramp to Route 20 Junction and I-80 West
- Stay left to take the ramp to Route 20 northbound

## **Route 20 lane closures**

In addition, beginning at 8 p.m. Friday, August 18 the right lane and shoulder on Route 20 northbound will be closed between Crooks Avenue and 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The closures are necessary for gas line relocation and are expected to be in place for approximately three weeks. One lane of traffic will be maintained during construction.

The \$48.5 million federally funded Route 20 Paterson Safety, Drainage, and Resurfacing project will make upgrades and repairs along approximately five miles of Route 20 in Clifton and Paterson, Passaic County. In addition to drainage improvements, the project will include repaving, guiderail replacement, lighting and overhead sign installation, and upgrades to traffic signals, curbs and sidewalks. The project is expected to be completed by the fall of 2025.

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 <a href="https://www.511nj.org">www.511nj.org</a> for construction updates and real-time travel information. For NJDOT news follow us on Twitter <a href="https://www.seyDOT">@NewJerseyDOT</a> and our <a href="https://www.seyDOT">Facebook</a> <a href="https://www.seyDOT">page</a>.