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I-280 westbound overnight lane closures this week as bridge deck replacement project advances in Newark Closures necessary to install temporary highway lights

(Trenton) – I-280 westbound is scheduled to have overnight lane closures this week as a bridge deck replacement project advances in Newark, Essex County.

Beginning at 11 p.m. tonight, Monday, December 11 until 6 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, December 12, and continuing Tuesday and Wednesday nights at the same time, the right lane on I-280 westbound is scheduled to be closed between Exit 14 until just past Exit 13. At least one lane will be maintained on I-280 westbound and Exits 14 and 13 will remain open. The closures are necessary to install temporary highway lighting and to extend construction barrier on the right side of the roadway after Exit 13.

The \$31.7 million federally funded project will replace the I-280 westbound bridge decks on the 10-span viaduct that goes over the NJ TRANSIT tracks, Orange Street and 1st Street in Newark, Essex County. The project includes substructure repairs, replacing bearings, repairing structural steel, and repainting portions of the bridge. In addition, the existing retaining wall on the ramp from 1st Street to I-280 westbound will be replaced to allow for three through lanes on I-280 westbound beyond the bridge. Two new overhead sign structures also will be installed over I-280. The project was designed to advance in stages to minimize impact on motorists. Construction is expected to be completed by fall 2025.

Variable Message Signs will provide advance notification to motorists of traffic pattern changes associated with the work. 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 real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on X (Twitter) [@NewJerseyDOT](https://twitter.com/NewJerseyDOT) and on the [NJDOT Facebook page](#).

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