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I-280 westbound lane and shoulder closed tonight as bridge deck project advances in Newark Closures necessary to shift traffic to the right

(Trenton) – The I-280 westbound right lane and shoulder are scheduled to be closed tonight as a bridge deck replacement project advances in Newark, Essex County.

Beginning at 11 p.m. tonight, Friday, February 23 through 7 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, February 24, the I-280 westbound right lane and shoulder between Exit 14 until just past Exit 13 are scheduled to be closed. At least one lane will be maintained on I-280 westbound and Exit 14 and Exit 13 will remain open. The closure is necessary to restripe lanes and reposition construction barrels to implement a traffic shift. A temporary closure for 10 to 15 minutes is expected between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m. to shift traffic to the right to establish a work zone on the left side of the roadway. By 7 a.m., two lanes of traffic will be restored. During this stage, the parapet and deck on the left side will be removed and replaced, and bearings will be replaced. This configuration is expected to be in place through the fall.

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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