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Route 23 northbound right lane and shoulder closure tonight in West Milford, Passaic County Closure necessary to begin bridge replacement project

(Trenton) – Route 23 northbound is scheduled to have the right lane and shoulder closed tonight as the Route 23, Northbound Bridge over Pequannock River replacement project begins in West Milford, Passaic County.

Beginning at 8 p.m. Friday, February 23 until 11 a.m. Saturday, February 24, the right lane and shoulder on Route 23 northbound are scheduled to be closed after Reservoir Road near mile post 25.1 through approximately Cannistear Road near mile post 25.7. At least one lane will be maintained overnight. The closure is necessary to restripe the roadway and place construction barrier to shift traffic to the left to create a work zone on the right side of the Route 23 northbound Bridge over the Pequannock River.

By 11 a.m. Saturday, February 24, Route 23 northbound traffic will be shifted to the left, and the right lane and shoulder will remain closed through the summer. The closure is necessary to begin demolition and reconstruction of the right side of the bridge. One lane of traffic will be maintained during construction. Motorists are advised to slow down, use caution, and expect delays.

The work is part of the \$7.3 million Route 23, Northbound Bridge over Pequannock River Project located between mileposts 25.13 to 25.70 on the border of West Milford, Passaic County and Jefferson, Morris County. The bridge deck and substructure are in poor condition, requiring replacement. Additional improvements include improving sight distances and updating guiderails to meet current design standards, as well as providing wildlife passages below the bridge. The project is expected to be completed in spring 2026.

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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