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I-78 temporary stoppages in both directions to begin next week for rockfall mitigation project in Hunterdon County Project resuming after winter hiatus

(Trenton) – I-78 is scheduled to have temporary stoppages in both direction beginning next week as a rockfall mitigation project resumes in Bethlehem, Hunterdon County.

Blasting is expected to begin as early as next week and will take place during the day from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., Monday through Saturdays, with temporary 20-minute stoppages of traffic on I-78 in both directions, through summer 2024. New Jersey State Police will be assisting with the temporary closures. NJDOT will provide notice before any longer lane closures occur. Motorists are advised to slow down, use caution, and expect delays or plan an alternate route.

The \$32.9 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 2024.

NJDOT Pothole Campaign

NJDOT's 2024 Pothole Campaign began on March 4. [Watch a safety message from Acting Commissioner Fran O'Connor](#) about how NJDOT repairs potholes to keep our roads safe and in a state of good repair.

To repair potholes in the most aggressive and efficient manner during the Pothole Campaign, the Department will be allowing crews throughout the state to close travel lanes where necessary during daytime hours. When possible, crews will limit their daytime work hours from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will try to avoid working in travel lanes carrying traffic during peak times.

It is important to **slow down in work zones** so NJDOT crews can safely make repairs. [New Jersey's Move Over law](#) requires motorists to move over, if it is safe to do so, when approaching an emergency or service vehicle stopped on the side of the road. If you cannot safely MOVE OVER, PLEASE SLOW DOWN.

In addition to our crews monitoring and reporting potholes that need repair on state highways, we encourage motorists to report potholes as well. Motorists may call **1-800-POTHOLE** or go online to [report potholes](#) on state roads using a new mapping feature to help identify the exact location of the pothole.

To report potholes on county roads, [contact the appropriate jurisdiction](#). The Department responds as quickly as possible, especially to reports of potholes that create safety concerns based on their size and location.

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 X (Twitter) [@NewJerseyDOT](https://twitter.com/NewJerseyDOT) and our [Facebook page](#).

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