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I-78 eastbound lane closures tonight to shift traffic onto newly completed bridges in Somerset County I-287 northbound Exit 21A to I-78 eastbound also closed tonight

(Trenton) – I-78 eastbound is scheduled to have lane closures tonight to shift traffic onto the newly completed I-78 eastbound Bridges over Routes 202/206 and Washington Valley Road as the deck replacement project advances in Bedminster and Bridgewater, Somerset County. In addition, the I-287 northbound Exit 21A ramp to I-78 eastbound is also scheduled to be closed and detoured tonight.

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Monday, July 22, until 6 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, July 23 two right lanes on I-78 eastbound are scheduled to be closed after the entrance ramp from I-287 southbound with two through lanes maintained on the left. The ramp from I-287 southbound to I-78 eastbound will remain open, but there will be a temporary stop sign at the end of the ramp, where it merges with I-78 eastbound.

Where the roadway splits in the construction zone, the right two lanes will be closed, and all I-78 eastbound traffic will be directed to stay left to take the temporary bridge in the median. The closures are necessary to restripe the roadway to shift traffic onto the newly completed I-78 eastbound Bridges over Route 202/206 and Washington Valley Road and to reposition barrier to close the access to the temporary bridge in the median.

In addition, the I-287 northbound Exit 21A ramp to I-78 eastbound, which becomes the right lane on I-78 eastbound, is scheduled to be closed and detoured at the same time tonight. The following detour will be in place:

I-287 northbound Exit 21A ramp to I-78 eastbound Detour:

- Motorists on I-287 northbound wishing to take the Exit 21A ramp to I-78 eastbound will be directed to continue on I-287 northbound
- Take Exit 26B/CR 525 north/Mt Airy Road north/Bernardsville
- Stay right to take the ramp to I-287 southbound
- Take Exit 21A to I-78 eastbound

Motorists on I-78 eastbound should expect congestion and delays on Monday night and may want to consider alternate routes.

By 6 a.m. Tuesday, July 23, the temporary bridge in the median will be closed with all four lanes on I-78 eastbound reopened on the main roadway using the newly constructed bridges over Route 202/206 and Washington Valley Road. Traffic will be shifted to the right onto the shoulder to allow a median work zone on the left side of the roadway. This configuration is expected to be in place until summer 2025.

The I-287 northbound Exit 21A ramp to I-78 eastbound also will reopen and the stop sign at the end of the I-287 southbound ramp to I-78 eastbound will be removed and returned to a yield.

Work to remove the temporary eastbound median roadway and construct the temporary westbound median roadway will take place through the fall. I-78 westbound is scheduled to be shifted onto the temporary median bridges in late fall 2024 to allow for work on the westbound bridges. This configuration is expected to be in place until summer 2025.

The \$57 million federally-funded project will replace both eastbound and westbound bridge decks that carry I-78 over Routes 202/206 and Washington Valley Road, which are in poor condition. In addition, the existing guiderail will be updated to current standards. New approach slabs will be constructed at all four bridges, and the roadway will be resurfaced within project limits. The project was designed to advance in stages to minimize impacts on motorists, beginning with the eastbound bridges. Construction of all bridges is expected to be completed by late spring 2026.

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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