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I-78 westbound lane closures tomorrow for emergency barrier and attenuator changes in Somerset County Motorists should expect congestion and delays on Saturday

(Trenton) – Two lanes on I-78 westbound are scheduled to be closed tomorrow for emergency construction barrier, attenuator, and striping modifications, as a bridge deck replacement project advances in Bedminster and Bridgewater, Somerset County.

From 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. tomorrow, Saturday, March 1, two lanes on I-78 westbound are scheduled to be closed after the scenic overlook approaching Exit 29/I-287 for emergency construction barrier, attenuator, and striping modifications. At least one lane will be maintained.

Motorists on I-78 westbound should expect congestion and delays on Saturday and may want to consider alternate routes.

The work is part of a \$67 million federally funded project that 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 construction updates and real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on X (Twitter) @NewJerseyDOT, on the NJDOT Facebook page, or Instagram @NewJersey.DOT.