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I-78 westbound lane closures this weekend as bridge replacement project advances in Somerset County **Closures necessary for milling and paving**

(Trenton) – I-78 westbound is scheduled to have lane closures this weekend as the I-78 westbound Bridges over Washington Valley Road and Routes 202/206 deck replacement project advances in Bedminster and Bridgewater, Somerset County.

Beginning at 7 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, April 12 until 8 a.m. Sunday, April 13, the right lane on I-78 westbound is scheduled to be closed after the Exit 33 on-ramp through Exit 29/I-287. The closure is necessary for milling and paving. At least two lanes will be maintained during the day on Saturday and Exit 29 to I-287 northbound and southbound will remain open.

The Scenic Overlook is also being closed beginning at 7 a.m. Saturday, April 12 and will remain closed until the project is completed.

In addition, a second lane on I-78 westbound is scheduled to be closed before the Scenic Overlook through Exit 29 beginning at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 12 until 8 a.m. Sunday, April 13. One lane will be maintained and Exit 29 to I-287 northbound and southbound will remain open. The closure is necessary to restripe the roadway.

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

The current traffic configuration has the left two lanes shifted onto the temporary bridge in the median over Washington Valley Road and a single right lane maintained on the mainline to create a work zone to demolish and reconstruct the right side of the bridge. All lanes are through lanes.

After the temporary bridge over Washington Valley Road, all three lanes come back together and then split once again. **The two left lanes are shifted onto the temporary bridge over Routes 202/206 to continue on I-78, and the right lane on the mainline is an exit only lane for I-287. Traffic wishing to take I-287 must be in the right lane to access the exit.**

The traffic shift onto the temporary median bridges began in February and is necessary to demolish and reconstruct the right side of the bridges. This configuration is expected to be in place until summer 2025.

The \$67 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 construction updates and real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on X (Twitter) [@NewJerseyDOT](https://twitter.com/NewJerseyDOT), on the [NJDOT Facebook page](#), or Instagram [@NewJersey.DOT](https://www.instagram.com/NewJersey.DOT).

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