



NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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I-78 westbound lane closures tonight as Bridge over Raritan River project advances in Bedminster Closures necessary to shift traffic back to original configuration

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced lane closures tonight on I-78 westbound as the Bridge over the North Branch of the Raritan River replacement project advances in Bedminster, Somerset County.

Beginning at 9 p.m., tonight, Friday, June 9, until 7 a.m., Saturday, June 10, NJDOT's contractor, Ferreira Construction Co., is scheduled to close one lane on I-78 westbound after the merge with traffic from I-287. At 11 p.m., a second lane will be closed. Construction is expected to begin in the right lane and move to the left, as work progresses. At least one lane will be maintained overnight. By 7 a.m. Saturday, all three lanes of traffic on the bridge will be open with traffic shifted to the left, off the right shoulder, and back into its original configuration. Motorists are advised to slow down, use caution, and expect delays or plan an alternate route.

The \$6.9 million federally-funded project will replace the existing bridge carrying I-78 westbound over the North Branch of the Raritan River, which was in poor condition. Construction will take place in multiple stages to maintain three lanes in each direction on I-78 during construction. A temporary bridge has been built to carry two lanes of traffic with one lane maintained on the existing bridge during construction. The project is anticipated to be complete in 2023.

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

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