



NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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I-78 overnight ramp closures begin this week as pavement preservation project resumes in Union and Essex Counties **Signed detours will be in place**

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced a series of overnight ramp closures on I-78 in Union and Essex Counties as the pavement preservation project resumes. The project began in August 2019 and had a scheduled shut down over the winter when it is too cold for resurfacing work.

Each night from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following day, beginning tonight, Tuesday, April 14 and continuing nightly Monday through Friday through Tuesday, April 21, NJDOT's contractor, D'Annunzio and Sons, Inc. will close a series of ramps on I-78 in both the eastbound and westbound directions between Union Avenue and Exit 58/New Jersey Turnpike in order to mill and pave the ramps. The following is the schedule of ramp closures with the signed detours that will be in place:

Tuesday, April 14

I-78 east Exit 54 ramp to Hillside/Irvington (Paine Avenue/Winans Avenue)

- Motorists on I-78 east wishing to take Exit 54 to Hillside/Irvington (Paine Avenue/Winans Avenue) will be directed to continue on I-78 east
- Take the left Exit 56 to W Peddie Street/Elizabeth Avenue
- Stay in the right lane toward W Peddie Street
- Turn right onto W Peddie Street
- Turn left onto Elizabeth Avenue
- Turn left onto W Runyon Street
- Stay left onto ramp toward I-78
- Stay left at the fork, following signs for Hillside/Irvington
- Stay right to get onto I-78 west Local
- Take Exit 55 for Hillside/Irvington
- Stay left toward Lyons Ave/Hillside/Irvington
- Turn right onto Lyons Avenue
- Turn left onto Coit Street back to Paine Avenue

Wednesday, April 15

Lyons Ave Ramp to I-78 east

- Motorists on Lyons Avenue wishing to take the ramp onto I-78 east local will be directed to continue towards Cordier Street
- Turn left onto Cordier Street

- Turn left onto Chancellor Avenue
- Turn left onto Fabyan Place
- Turn right onto Lyons Avenue
- Turn left onto Elizabeth Avenue
- Turn left onto W Runyon Street
- Stay left toward the ramp toward I-78
- Stay right at the fork and follow signs for I-78 east/Newark International Airport

Thursday, April 16

W Runyon street ramp to I-78 west

- Motorists on W Runyon Street wishing to take the I-78 Express or Local ramp will be directed to stay straight on W Runyon Street
- Turn right onto Irvine Turner Boulevard
- Turn right onto W Bigelow Street
- Turn left onto Frelinghuysen Avenue
- Turn right onto Poinier Street
- Turn left onto Pennsylvania Avenue
- Turn right onto Vanderpool Street
- Turn right onto Broad Street
- Use the left lane to take the ramp onto Route 21 south
- Stay right to take the exit for I-78/Rt 1/9 north/I-95
- Take the exit for I-78 west/Clinton Avenue

Friday, April 17

I-78 west Exit 55 onto Fabyan Place

- Motorists on I-78 west wishing to take Exit 55 to Fabyan Place will be instructed to stay left at the fork toward Lyons Ave/Hillside/Irvington
- Merge onto Fabyan Place
- Turn left onto Lyons Avenue
- Turn left onto Wainwright Street
- Bear left at the fork to continue on Wainwright Street
- Go over I-78 and Wainwright becomes Fabyan Place

I-78 west Exit 55 to Fabyan Place and Lyons Avenue

- Motorists on I-78 west wishing to take Exit 55 onto Fabyan Place and Lyons Avenue will be instructed to continue on I-78 west
- Take Exit 50A toward Union
- Merge onto Vauxhall Road
- Cross over I-78 and turn right onto Liberty Avenue
- Turn right onto the ramp to I-78 east
- Take Exit 54 to Irvington/Hillside
- Stay straight toward Irvington
- Merge onto Fabyan Place
- Go straight through the traffic signal at Chancellor Avenue
- Turn left onto Lyons Avenue

Monday, April 20

Lyons Avenue east ramp to I-78 west

- Motorists on Lyons Avenue east wishing to take the ramp onto I-78 west will be instructed to turn right onto Coit Street
- Turn left onto Paine Avenue
- Turn left to take the ramp onto I-78 west

Lyons Avenue west ramp to I-78 west

- Motorists on Lyons Avenue west wishing to take the ramp onto I-78 west will be instructed to turn left onto Coit Street
- Turn left onto Paine Avenue
- Turn left to take the ramp onto I-78 west

Tuesday, April 21

Paine Avenue ramp to I-78 west

- Motorists on Paine Avenue wishing to take the ramp onto I-78 west will be instructed to continue straight over I-78
- Paine Avenue becomes Winans Avenue
- Turn left onto Fabyan Place
- Turn left onto Chancellor Avenue
- Turn right onto Cordier Street
- Turn right onto the ramp for I-78 west

Winans Avenue ramp to I-78 west

- Motorists on Winans Avenue wishing to take the ramp onto I-78 west will be directed to turn right onto Fabyan Place
- Turn left onto Chancellor Avenue
- Turn right onto Cordier Street
- Turn right onto the ramp for I-78 west

Following the completion of the ramp work, pavement preservation work will begin daily, Monday through Friday, from 8 p.m. through 6 a.m. through the fall. The road will be treated with a High Performance Thin Overlay (HPTO). A minimum of three lanes will remain open throughout the duration of the project between the express and local roadways.

The \$7.5 million federally-funded project will mill and pave approximately four miles of I-78 from Union Avenue in Hillside, Union County to Exit 58/New Jersey Turnpike in Newark, Essex County. The pavement project will include resurfacing of all travel lanes, turn lanes, inside and outside shoulders, acceleration and deceleration lanes and all median openings including intersections and ramps. The work will extend the functional life of the roadway and improve ride quality.

Variable Message Signs will provide advance notification to motorists of the 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 Twitter [@NJDOT_info](https://twitter.com/NJDOT_info) and on the [NJDOT Facebook page](#).

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