



NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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I-78 westbound express lanes to be closed for paving starting tomorrow in Union and Essex Counties Eastbound express lanes repaving completed

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the I-78 westbound express lanes will be closed beginning tomorrow between the New Jersey Turnpike and the Garden State Parkway in Union and Essex Counties as a pavement preservation project continues.

Beginning at 4 a.m., tomorrow, Wednesday, May 6, NJDOT's contractor, D'Annunzio and Sons, Inc., will close a single lane of the I-78 westbound express lanes beginning at the NJ Turnpike Toll Plaza in Newark, and then close the express lane completely from west of Leslie Street where traffic will be directed to use the crossover to the I-78 local lanes. The westbound express lanes will be reopen near the Garden State Parkway. The closure is necessary to mill and pave the road and treat it with a High Performance Thin Overlay (HPTO). The work is expected to take several days. If work is completed early, the express lanes will reopen sooner.

Repaving of the eastbound express lanes are expected to be completed tonight and the lanes will reopen by tomorrow morning.

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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