



# NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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## **I-78 Exit 56 and West Runyon on-ramp closures tonight as pavement preservation project advances in Newark Signed detours will be in place overnight**

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced I-78 Exit 56 and the on-ramp from West Runyon Street will be closed and detoured overnight as a pavement preservation project advances in Newark, Essex County.

Beginning at 7 p.m. tonight, Wednesday, June 17, until 5 a.m. tomorrow, Thursday, June 18, NJDOT's contractor, D'Annunzio and Sons, Inc., is scheduled to close and detour the I-78 eastbound Exit 56 to West Runyon Street/Elizabeth Avenue, the I-78 westbound Exit 56 to West Runyon Street/Elizabeth Avenue, and the ramp from West Runyon Street to I-78. I-78 eastbound Exit 56 will be closed first, followed by I-78 westbound Exit 56 and then the ramp from West Runyon Street. These closures are required as milling and paving continues in the right and center lanes on I-78. At least one lane will be maintained on I-78 in each direction overnight. The following signed detours will be in place:

### **I-78 eastbound Exit 56 to West Runyon Street/Elizabeth Avenue detour:**

- Motorists traveling on I-78 eastbound wishing to take Exit 56 to West Runyon Street/Elizabeth Avenue will be directed to take Exit 56 and keep right on the ramp towards Peddie Street
- Turn right onto West Peddie Street
- Turn left onto Elizabeth Avenue
- Turn onto West Runyon Street

### **I-78 westbound Exit 56 to West Runyon Street/Elizabeth Avenue detour:**

- Motorists traveling on I-78 westbound wishing to take Exit 56 to West Runyon Street/Elizabeth Avenue will be directed to continue on I-78 westbound
- Take Exit 50A towards Union
- Merge onto Vauxhall Road
- Turn right onto Liberty Avenue
- Turn right onto the ramp to I-78 eastbound
- Use the left lane to take Exit 56 to West Runyon Street/Elizabeth Avenue
- Merge onto West Runyon Street

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## **West Runyon Street ramp to I-78**

- Motorists traveling on West Runyon Street wishing to take the ramp to I-78 will be directed to use the right lane to continue on West Runyon Street
- Turn right onto Irvine Turner Boulevard
- Turn right onto West 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 to Route 21 southbound
- Keep right and take the ramp to I-78/Route 1&9 north/I-95
- Take the ramp to either I-78 westbound or I-78 eastbound

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. The project is anticipated to be complete in approximately one month.

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](http://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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