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Rattlesnake Bridge Road over I-78 reopened as deck replacement project completes in Bedminster Lane closures on I-78 necessary overnight to remove shielding under the bridge

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the completion of the Rattlesnake Bridge Road over I-78 bridge deck replacement project and the reopening of the road in Bedminster, Somerset County.

The \$3.8 million federally-funded Rattlesnake Bridge Road over I-78 project began in late February when NJDOT's contractor, Konkus Corporation, closed and detoured Rattlesnake Bridge Road in both directions at the bridge over I-78. The bridge was reopened today, Thursday, June 25.

The project was originally going to replace one side of the bridge at a time, maintaining traffic in one direction. Working with the local community, NJDOT redesigned the project to fully close the bridge to accelerate the construction schedule, allowing the project to be completed six months earlier than originally planned.

The project demolished the existing two-span bridge deck, which was in poor condition, and replaced it with a single-span deck, eliminating the joint at pier. This will provide a smoother ride for motorists and reduces the need for future maintenance. In addition to reconstructing the bridge deck, the ramps from Rattlesnake Bridge Road to I-78 were repaved, new abutment walls were built, and the traffic signals on either end of the bridge were replaced.

I-78 Overnight Lane Closures

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Thursday, June 25 until 5 a.m. tomorrow, I-78 eastbound will have two lanes closed to remove shielding under the bridge. At least one lane will be maintained overnight. Single and double lane closures will be necessary in both directions from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. on Friday, June 26; Monday, June 29; and Tuesday June 30 to complete the removal of the shielding. At least one lane will be maintain overnight.

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 Twitter [@NJDOT_info](https://twitter.com/NJDOT_info) or on the [NJDOT Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/NJDOT).

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