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Route 1&9 ramp to I-78 westbound lane closures tonight as sign structure replacement project begins in Newark Lane closures required to install construction barrier

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced overnight lane closures on I-78 between Newark Airport and Route 1&9 as a sign structure replacement project begins in Newark in Essex County.

Beginning at 10 p.m., tonight, Friday, October 9, NJDOT's contractor, J.F. Creamer & Son, is scheduled to close the right lane on Route 1&9 southbound before the exit to I-78 west/Port Newark/North Area Air Cargo. The exit ramp will remain open with traffic shifted to the right and the left lane of the ramp will be closed. Access to I-78 west and Frontage Road will be maintained.

In addition, the right lane and shoulder on I-78 westbound express will be closed tonight beginning at the Route 1&9 overpass near Mile Post 57.85. The right lane will reopen Saturday morning and the shoulder will remain closed for approximately one month. These closures will allow the contractor to install construction barrier, creating a work zone for sign structure replacement. At least one lane will be maintained throughout construction.

Additional overnight lane closures and temporary traffic slow-downs will be required in the coming months as the contractor works to remove and replace overhead sign structures.

The \$17.8 million state-funded project will replace 30 overhead sign structures in various locations along I-78. Work will begin in Newark and will move to other locations in Milburn, Springfield, Union, and Hillside in Union County as the project advances.

Variable Message Signs are being used to provide advance notification of all traffic pattern changes associated with the sign structure replacement project. 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) or on the [NJDOT Facebook page](#).

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