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I-80 westbound lane and shoulder closures Wednesday as rockfall mitigation project begins in Morris County Closures required to install construction barrier in shoulder

(Trenton) – NJDOT officials today announced the start of a rockfall mitigation project requiring lane and shoulder closures on I-80 westbound in Rockaway, Denville, Parsippany, and Troy Hills, Morris County.

Beginning at 9 a.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, March 10, NJDOT's contractor, Union Paving & Construction Co., Inc., is scheduled to close the right lane and shoulder on I-80 westbound between Fox Hill Road in Parsippany and Stony Brook Road in Rockaway. This closure will allow the contractor to install construction barrier in the shoulder creating a work zone. Three lanes of traffic will be maintained throughout the day.

By 5 a.m. Thursday, March 11, the right lane on I-80 westbound will reopen. The shoulder will remain closed for the duration of the project.

The \$3.2 million federally-funded project will mitigate rockfall hazards in two locations on I-80 eastbound and westbound between milepost 36.78 and milepost 41.04. It includes excavation and rock scaling, draped rockfall mesh and riprap stone slope. The project is anticipated to be complete by summer 2022.

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 construction updates and real-time travel information. For NJDOT news follow us on Twitter @NewJerseyDOT and our Facebook page.