



NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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I-78 eastbound lane and ramp closures required as bridge deck replacement project advances in Somerset County **Closures needed to shift traffic onto temporary bridges**

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced overnight lane and ramp closures to implement a traffic shift on I-78 eastbound as the I-78 Bridges over Route 202/206 and Washington Valley Road deck replacement project advances in Bedminster and Bridgewater, Somerset County.

Beginning at 9 p.m. tonight, Friday, June 25 until 6 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, June 26, NJDOT's contractor, Konkus, Inc., is scheduled to close the two left lanes on I-78 eastbound in the vicinity of the I-78/I-287 interchange. This closure will allow the contractor to restripe the roadway and install construction barrier to prepare for a traffic shift. At least one lane of traffic will be maintained at all times.

In addition to overnight lane closures, beginning at 11 p.m. tonight, Friday, June 25, until 5 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, June 26, the ramp from I-287 northbound to I-78 eastbound also will be closed. The following signed detour will be in place:

I-287 northbound ramp to I-78 eastbound detour

- Motorists on I-287 northbound wishing to take the exit to I-78 eastbound will be directed to continue on I-287 northbound
- Take Exit 22B/Route 202/206 north
- Merge onto Route 202/206 north and stay in the right lane
- Take the jughandle for I-287 south to 78/Route 202/206 south
- At the light turn left to make a U-turn onto Route 202/206 south
- Stay to the right and take the exit for I-287 south
- Take Exit 21A for I-78 east/New York City

By 6 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, June 26, all lanes on I-78 eastbound will reopen, with the left two lanes of traffic shifted onto the temporary bridges located in the center median of I-78 alongside the bridges over Route 202/206 and Washington Valley Road, and the right two lanes remaining on I-78 eastbound. This traffic shift will allow the contractor to begin reconstructing the bridges in stages. **Trucks or trailers will be not be permitted on the temporary bridges and must keep right.**

The \$27.9 million federally-funded project will replace both eastbound and westbound bridge decks that carry I-78 over Route 202/206 and Washington Valley Road, which are in poor condition. In addition, the existing guiderail will be brought up to current standards. New approach slabs will be constructed at all four bridges, and the roadway will be resurfaced within project limits. The project was designed to advance in stages to minimize impact on motorists, beginning with the eastbound bridges. Construction of all bridges is expected to be completed by fall 2024.

Variable Message Signs will provide advance notification to motorists of 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 [@NewJerseyDOT](https://twitter.com/NewJerseyDOT) and on the [NJDOT Facebook page](#).

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