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I-78 westbound lane closure tonight as Bridge over Raritan River project advances in Bedminster Closures necessary to shift traffic to the newly constructed right lane

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced lane closures tonight on I-78 westbound as the Bridge over the North Branch of the Raritan River replacement project

advances in Bedminster, Somerset County.

Beginning at 8 p.m., tonight, Friday, June 10, until 6 a.m., Saturday, June 11, NJDOT's contractor, Ferreira Construction Co., is scheduled to close the right lane and shoulder on I-78 westbound after the merge with traffic from I-287. The lane closure is necessary to shift traffic onto the newly constructed right side of the bridge to allow for the demolition and reconstruction of the left side of the bridge. Two lanes will be maintained overnight using the temporary bridge in the median. Expect congestion and delays.

The \$6.9 million federally-funded project will replace the existing bridge carrying I-78 westbound over the North Branch of the Raritan River, which is in poor condition. Construction will take place in multiple stages to maintain three lanes in each direction on I-78 during construction. A temporary bridge has been built to carry two lanes of traffic with one lane maintained on the existing bridge during construction. The project is anticipated to be complete in 2023.

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 <a href="https://www.encourage.com/www.encourage-encoura