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## West Union Turnpike northbound ramp to Route 15 northbound to be closed tonight in Wharton, Morris County I-80 westbound and Route 15 northbound lane closures also required

**(Trenton)** – West Union Turnpike northbound, which becomes Route 15 northbound, is scheduled to be closed tonight just before the ramp to I-80 eastbound to make concrete deck repairs in Wharton, Morris County. In addition, lane closures are required on the I-80 westbound Exit 34B ramp to Route 15 northbound and on Route 15 northbound, where the ramp from I-80 westbound Exit 34B merges with the ramp from West Union Turnpike.

Beginning at 10 p.m. tonight, Thursday, May 18 until 5 a.m. Friday, May 19, the ramp from West Union Turnpike northbound to Route 15 northbound is scheduled to be closed to make concrete deck repairs on the Route 15 northbound Bridge over the abandoned Hope Mineral Railroad, which is located where the on ramp from I-80 westbound Exit 34B and the ramp from West Union Turnpike northbound meet on Route 15 northbound. The following detour will be in place:

## **West Union Turnpike northbound to Route 15 northbound:**

- Motorists on West Union Turnpike wishing to take the ramp to Route 15 northbound will be directed to stay right and take the ramp to I-80 eastbound/Denville/Paterson
- Take Exit 35 to Mount Hope/Dover
- Stay left on the ramp
- Turn left onto CR 661/Mount Hope Avenue northbound
- Turn left to take the ramp to I-80 westbound to Route 15/Wharton/Netcong
- Take Exit 34B to Route 15 northbound/Jefferson/Sparta

In addition, beginning at 10 p.m. tonight, Thursday, May 18 until 5 a.m. Friday, May 19, the left lane on I-80 westbound Exit 34B is scheduled to be closed, and the left and center lanes on Route 15 northbound on the Bridge over Hope Mineral Railroad are scheduled to be closed. The lane closures are necessary to repair the bridge deck. Motorists are advised to slow down, use caution and expect delays or plan an alternate route.

The work is part of a \$22.6 million state-funded maintenance project to repair concrete structures at various locations in eight counties throughout North Jersey.

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 and on the NJDOT Facebook page.