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I-287 northbound Exit 21A ramp to I-78 eastbound to be closed and detoured this weekend in Bedminster, Somerset County Closure needed

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced that the I-287 northbound Exit 21A ramp to I-78 eastbound is scheduled to be closed this weekend as repairs to the ramp advance in Bedminster, Somerset County.

Beginning at 7 p.m. Friday, August 25 until 6 a.m. Monday, August 28, the I-287 northbound Exit 21A ramp to I-78 eastbound is scheduled to be closed and detoured. The closure is necessary for final paving of the reconstructed permanent ramp and installation of guiderail, signage and permanent lighting. The following detour will be in place:

I-287 northbound Exit 21 ramp to I-78 eastbound Detour:

- Motorists on I-287 northbound wishing to take the Exit 21A ramp to I-78 will be directed to continue on I-287 northbound
- Take Exit 26B/CR 525 north/Mt Airy Road north/Bernardsville
- Stay right to take the ramp to I-287 southbound
- Take Exit 21A to I-78 eastbound

By Monday morning, I-287 northbound Exit 21A will reopen with traffic using the newly reconstructed permanent ramp. Work will continue behind construction barrier to remove the temporary ramp. In addition, there is ongoing electrical and drainage work. The ramp will remain open while this work is taking place. The project is expected to be completed this fall.

The I-287 northbound Exit 21 ramp was closed in June 2022 because of a sinkhole in the right lane and shoulder. A temporary ramp with two lanes was constructed in July 2022, which allowed the exit to be reopened. Since that time, drainage improvements have been made and the ramp has been reconstructed.

Motorists are encouraged to check NJDOT's traffic information website <u>www.511nj.org</u> for construction updates and real-time travel information. For NJDOT news follow us on Twitter <u>@NewJerseyDOT</u> and our <u>Facebook page.</u>

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