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I-80 westbound lane and shoulder closed tonight as culvert repair project begins in Totowa, Passaic County At least two lanes will be maintained

(Trenton) – The I-80 westbound right lane and shoulder are scheduled to be closed tonight at Exit 55A as a culvert rehabilitation project begins in Totowa, Passaic County.

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Friday, March 8 until 5 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, March 9, the right lane and shoulder on I-80 westbound are scheduled to be closed at Exit 55A. At least two lanes will be maintained on I-80 westbound and Exit 55A will remain open. The closures are necessary to place construction barrier and create a work zone in the right shoulder.

By 5 a.m. Saturday, March 9, the right lane will be reopened, and the right shoulder will remain closed on I-80 westbound. The shoulder closure is necessary to repair the culvert and is expected to remain in place until spring 2024. Motorists are advised to slow down, use caution, and expect delays or plan an alternate route.

The \$1.5 million federally funded project will rehabilitate the existing culvert located underneath I-80 at Exit 55A in Totowa, Passaic County. In addition, the project includes improving roadway grading and paving. Construction is expected to be completed by spring 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 $\underline{\text{www.511nj.org}}$ for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on X (Twitter) $\underline{\text{@NewJerseyDOT}}$ and on the $\underline{\text{NJDOT Facebook page}}$.