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## Howard Boulevard lane closures tonight as I-80 bridge replacement project advances in Mount Arlington Alternating traffic expected to be maintained overnight

**(Trenton)** – Howard Boulevard is scheduled to have lane closures in both directions tonight as the I-80 Bridges over Howard Boulevard bridge replacement project advances in Mount Arlington, Morris County.

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Friday, April 5, until 12 noon tomorrow, Saturday, April 6, Howard Boulevard is scheduled to be closed in one direction at a time to restripe the roadway and create work zones in the right shoulder in both directions. Alternating traffic is expected to be maintained overnight.

By Saturday afternoon, Howard Boulevard will be reduced from four lanes, with two lanes in each direction, to three lanes, with one lane in each direction and a center turning lane. This configuration is expected to remain in place for the duration of the project and is necessary to create work zones in the shoulder to assist with the bridge replacement.

The \$65.4 million federally funded project will replace the existing bridges carrying I-80 eastbound and I-80 westbound over Howard Boulevard/CR 516, which are in poor condition. Improvements will include raising the vertical clearance of each bridge, widening the shoulders, lengthening acceleration and deceleration lanes on I-80, and widening the ramps to and from Howard Boulevard. The Howard Boulevard intersection will be reconfigured to improve operational performance.

The project will also include upgraded traffic signals and lighting, and ADA-compliant sidewalks and crosswalks. Sidewalks will be extended to the Mount Arlington Train Station for improved pedestrian and bicycle safety and mobility. The project is expected to be completed in summer 2027.

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 <a href="www.511nj.org">www.511nj.org</a> for construction updates and real-time travel information. For NJDOT news follow us on X (Twitter) <a href="mailto:@NewJerseyDOT">@NewJerseyDOT</a> and our <a href="mailto:Facebook page">Facebook page</a>.