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## I-80 westbound lane closures tonight as Bridge over Howard Boulevard project advances in Mount Arlington Closures necessary to install barrier and implement a traffic shift

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

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Friday, May 3, until 10 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, May 4, the center and right lanes on I-80 westbound are scheduled to be closed beginning near mile post 32 until past the Bridge over Howard Boulevard. At least one lane will be maintained overnight. The closure is necessary to install construction barrier and restripe the roadway to implement a traffic shift.

By 10 a.m. Saturday, May 4, three lanes on I-80 westbound will be restored and shifted to the right using the shoulder as a travel lane. A temporary bridge is being constructed between the existing eastbound and westbound bridges to maintain three lanes of traffic in each direction throughout construction. When it is completed later this summer, eastbound traffic will be shifted onto the temporary median bridge to allow for the demolition and reconstruction of the I-80 eastbound Bridge over Howard Boulevard.

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 complete 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="www.bey.bot">@NewJerseyDOT</a> and our <a href="mailto:Facebook page">Facebook page</a>.