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I-78 eastbound lane closures starting Monday morning as bridge deck project advances in Somerset County Closures for approach slab pour on Bridge over Washington Valley Road

(Trenton) – I-78 eastbound is scheduled to have lane closures beginning Monday morning and continuing through Friday, June 7 as the I-78 Bridges over Routes 202/206 and Washington Valley Road deck replacement project advances in Bedminster and Bridgewater, Somerset County. This work was originally scheduled to begin on Wednesday, May 29.

Beginning at 5 a.m. Monday, June 3 until 5 p.m. Friday, June 7, the right lane next to the construction barrier on the bridge over Washington Valley Road will be closed beginning at the ramp from I-287 southbound to I-78 eastbound. The ramp will remain open, but there will be a temporary stop sign at the end of the ramp where it merges with I-78 eastbound. Two lanes will be maintained through the split in the construction zone where there are two lanes to the left over the temporary bridge and one lane will be maintained to the right. The I-287 northbound Exit 21A ramp to I-78 eastbound will remain open. The closures are necessary to complete the concrete approach slab pour on the Bridge over Washington Valley Road this weekend.

Motorists on I-78 eastbound should expect congestion and delays and may want to consider alternate routes.

The \$57 million federally-funded project will replace both eastbound and westbound bridge decks that carry I-78 over Routes 202/206 and Washington Valley Road, which are in poor condition. In addition, the existing guiderail will be updated to current standards. New approach slabs will be constructed at all four bridges, and the roadway will be resurfaced within project limits. The project was designed to advance in stages to minimize impacts on motorists, beginning with the eastbound bridges. Construction of all bridges is expected to be completed by late spring 2026.

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 www.511nj.org for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on X (Twitter) [@NewJerseyDOT](https://twitter.com/NewJerseyDOT) and on the [NJDOT Facebook page](#).

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