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I-78 eastbound local ramp to Peddie Street to close as pavement preservation project advances in Newark Crossover ramp from local to express will also be closed overnight

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the ramp from I-78 eastbound local to Peddie Street/Runyon Street and the crossover from I-78 eastbound local to I-78 eastbound express will be closed overnight tonight as a pavement preservation project advances in Newark, Essex County.

Beginning at 6 p.m. tonight, Thursday, May 21, until 7 a.m. the next day, Friday, May 22, NJDOT's contractor, D'Annunzio and Sons, Inc., is scheduled to close the ramp from I-78 eastbound local to Peddie Street/Runyon Street in Newark. The crossover from I-78 eastbound local to I-78 eastbound express also will be closed. These closures are required as milling and paving continues in the left and center lanes on I-78 eastbound local. At least one lane will be maintained on I-78 eastbound local overnight.

Motorists wishing to take the ramp from I-78 eastbound local to Peddie Street/Runyon Street should use I-78 eastbound express or the following signed detour:

I-78 eastbound local to Peddie Street/Runyon Street detour:

- Motorists wishing to take the ramp from I-78 eastbound local to Peddie Street/Runyon Street will be directed to continue on I-78 eastbound local
- Keep right and take Exit 57 to Route 21 northbound/Newark/Newark Airport
- Use the middle lane and follow signs for Main Terminal/North Area/South Area
- Use the right lane to take the ramp towards Route 1&9 northbound towards North Area/South Area
- Keep right and take the ramp to I-78/New Jersey Turnpike/I-95 towards Clinton/Holland Tunnel
- Keep left at the fork towards I-78 westbound/Clinton
- Merge onto I-78 westbound
- Use the left lane to take Exit 56 towards Elizabeth Avenue/Downtown Newark
- Continue onto West Runyon Street

The \$7.5 million federally-funded project will mill and pave approximately four miles of I-78 from Union Avenue in Hillside, Union County to Exit 58/New Jersey Turnpike in Newark, Essex County. The pavement project will include resurfacing of all travel lanes, turn lanes, inside and outside shoulders, acceleration and deceleration lanes and all median openings

including intersections and ramps. The work will extend the functional life of the roadway and improve ride quality.

Variable Message Signs will provide advance notification to motorists of the 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 <u>www.511nj.org</u> for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter <u>@NJDOT info</u> and on the <u>NJDOT Facebook page</u>.

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