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I-78 ramp closures continue this week as pavement preservation project advances in Newark Signed detours will be in place overnight

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced several more days of ramp closures and detours on I-78 as a pavement preservation project continues in Newark, Essex County.

Tuesday, June 9

Beginning at 9 p.m. tonight, Tuesday, June 9, until 5 a.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, June 10, NJDOT's contractor, D'Annunzio and Sons, Inc., is scheduled to close and detour the Route 21 southbound ramp to I-78 eastbound and I-78 eastbound local Exit 58A to Route 1&9 south/Newark Airport North Area. The Route 21 southbound ramp to I-78 eastbound local will be closed first, followed by I-78 eastbound local Exit 58A. These closures are required as milling and paving continues in the right and center lanes on I-78 eastbound local. At least one lane will be maintained on I-78 eastbound local overnight. The following signed detours will be in place tonight:

Route 21 southbound ramp to I-78 eastbound local detour:

- Motorists traveling on Route 21 southbound wishing to take the ramp to I-78
 eastbound local will be directed to continue on Route 21 southbound
- Take the ramp towards Route 22 westbound towards Hillside
- Keep right and take the ramp towards Frelinghuysen Avenue/Empire Street
- Turn right onto Frelinghuysen Avenue
- Turn left onto Branford Street
- Turn left onto Elizabeth Avenue
- Use the right lane to turn right onto West Runyon Street
- Stay left and take the ramp to I-78
- Keep right at the fork towards I-78 eastbound/Newark Airport

<u>I-78 eastbound local Exit 58A to Route 1&9 south/Newark Airport North Area detour:</u>

- Motorists traveling on I-78 eastbound local wishing to take Exit 58A to Route 1&9 south/Newark Airport North Area will be directed to continue on I-78 eastbound local
- Take Exit 58B towards Route 1&9 northbound
- Stay right to Continue onto Frontage Road

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- Turn left onto the entrance ramp to I-78 westbound
- Use the left lane to take the Route 1&9 south to Route 21 Route 22 S exit toward Newark
- Keep right at the fork and follow signs for Route 1&9 south, or keep left at the fork and follow signs for Newark Airport North Area

Wednesday, June 10

Beginning at 9 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, until 5 a.m. Thursday, June 11, three ramps are scheduled be closed and detoured:

- I-78 westbound Exit 57 to Route 1&9 southbound
- I-78 westbound Exit 55 to Lyons Avenue/Fabyan Place, and
- The entrance ramp from Cordier Street to I-78 westbound

I-78 westbound Exit 57 will be closed first, followed by Exit 55 and then the entrance ramp onto I-78 westbound. At least one lane will be maintained on I-78 westbound overnight. The following signed detours will be in place Wednesday night:

I-78 westbound Exit 57 to Route 1 & 9 southbound detour:

- Motorists traveling on I-78 westbound wishing to take Exit 57 to Route 1&9 southbound will be directed to continue on I-78 westbound
- Stay in the left lane to take Exit 56 towards East Peddie Street
- Merge onto West Runyon Street
- Turn right onto Elizabeth Avenue
- Turn left onto East Peddie Street
- Turn right onto Frelinghuysen Avenue
- Turn left onto the ramp to Route 22 eastbound
- Take the first Exit to Route 1&9 southbound

<u>I-78 westbound Exit 55 to Lyons Avenue/Fabyan Place detour:</u>

- Motorists traveling on I-78 westbound wishing to take Exit 55 to Lyons Avenue/Fabyan Place will be directed to continue on I-78 westbound
- Take Exit 50A toward Union
- Merge onto Vauxhall Road
- Cross over I-78 and immediately turn left onto Liberty Avenue
- Merge onto I-78 eastbound
- Take Exit 54/Hillside/Irvington
- Stay left toward Irvington, which becomes Fabyan Place to Lyons Avenue
- To continue on Fabyan Place, turn right on Lyons Avenue
- Turn left on Wainwright Street, which becomes Fabyan Place

Cordier Street ramp to I-78 westbound detour:

- Motorists wishing to take the Cordier Street ramp to I-78 westbound will be directed to continue on Lyons Avenue or Chancellor Avenue towards Coit Street
- Turn left onto Coit Street
- Turn left onto Paine Avenue
- Turn left onto the ramp to I-78 westbound

Thursday, June 11

Beginning at 9 p.m. Thursday, June 11, until 5 a.m. Friday, June 12, three ramps are scheduled be closed and detoured:

- I-78 westbound Exit 55 to Fabyan Place/Lyons Avenue
- The entrance ramp from Cordier Street to I-78 westbound
- The entrance ramp from Paine Avenue/Winans Avenue to I-78 westbound

Exit 55 will be closed first, followed by the entrance ramps from Cordier Street and Paine Avenue/Winans Avenue. At least one lane will be maintained on I-78 westbound overnight. The following signed detours will be in place Thursday night:

<u>I-78 westbound Exit 55 to Lyons Avenue/Fabyan Place detour:</u>

- Motorists traveling on I-78 westbound wishing to take Exit 55 to Lyons Avenue/Fabyan Place will be directed to continue on I-78 westbound
- Take Exit 50A toward Union
- Merge onto Vauxhall Road
- Cross over I-78 and immediately turn left onto Liberty Avenue
- Merge onto I-78 eastbound
- Take Exit 54/Hillside/Irvington
- Stay left toward Irvington, which becomes Fabyan Place to Lyons Avenue
- To continue on Fabyan Place, turn right on Lyons Avenue
- Turn left on Wainwright Street, which becomes Fabyan Place

Cordier Street ramp to I-78 westbound detour:

- Motorists wishing to take the Cordier Street ramp to I-78 westbound will be directed to continue on Lyons Avenue or Chancellor Avenue towards Coit Street
- Turn left onto Coit Street
- Turn left onto Paine Avenue
- Turn left onto the ramp to I-78 westbound

Paine Avenue/Winans Avenue ramp to I-78 westbound local detour:

- Motorists wishing to take the Paine Avenue/Winans Avenue ramp to I-78 westbound local will be directed to continue on Paine Avenue towards Fabyan Place
- Turn left onto Fabyan Place
- Turn left onto Chancellor Avenue
- Turn right onto Cordier Street
- Turn right onto the ramp to I-78 westbound local

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.

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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 www.511nj.org for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter @NJDOT info and on the NJDOT Facebook page.

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