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Route 124 westbound ramp to I-78 westbound express to close next week for drainage work in Millburn, Essex County Closure required to clear drainage culverts

(Trenton) - New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced that the ramp from Route 124 westbound/Springfield Avenue to I-78 westbound express will be closed and detoured next week as a drainage improvement project advances in Millburn, Essex County.

Beginning at 9 a.m. Monday, July 19 until 2 p.m., and continuing daily through Friday, July 23, NJDOT's contractor, I.E.W. Construction Group, Inc., is scheduled to close the ramp from Route 124/Springfield Avenue to I-78 westbound express. This closure will allow the contractor to remove debris from drainage culverts underneath the roadway. The following signed detour will be in place:

Route 124/Springfield Avenue westbound ramp to I-78 westbound express detour:

- Motorists traveling on Route 124/Springfield Avenue westbound wishing to take the ramp to I-78 westbound express will be directed to take the ramp towards Route 24 westbound/Morristown, <u>which comes before the ramp to I-78 westbound express</u>
- Merge onto I-78 westbound local lanes and keep left
- Use the left lane to continue on I-78 westbound towards Clinton

This project is part of a larger \$6.7 million state-funded maintenance and drainage repair contract to make improvements in various locations in eight counties throughout North Jersey. Additional daytime ramp closures will be required in the coming months to allow the contractor to remove debris from the work site, and NJDOT will provide advance notice before any additional closures take place.

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>@NewJerseyDOT</u> or on the <u>NJDOT Facebook</u> <u>page</u>.

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