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## Route 15 northbound lanes and ramps closures continue as emergency bridge repairs near completion in Wharton, Morris County One lane on the I-80 westbound Exit 34 ramp to Route 15 northbound also closed

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced lane and ramp closures on Route 15 northbound, and on the I-80 westbound Exit 34B ramp to Route 15 northbound as emergency bridge repairs near completion in Wharton, Morris County. This is a continuation of work that began earlier this month.

Early this morning, August 24, NJDOT's contractor, IEW Construction Group, closed the left and center lanes on Route 15 northbound, and the left lane of the I-80 westbound Exit 34B ramp to Route 15 northbound. These closures are required to apply sealant to the deck on the Route 15 northbound Bridge over abandoned Hope Mineral Railroad, which is located where the on ramp from I-80 westbound Exit 34 and the ramp from Union Turnpike meet on Route 15 northbound.

Following the completion of work in the left and center lanes, the left lane will reopen and the right lane will be closed for sealant application. At least one lane of traffic will be maintained at all times.

In addition, the ramp from Union Turnpike to Route 15 northbound is closed just past E. Dewey Avenue. The ramp from Union Turnpike to I-80 eastbound remains open. Motorists should expect congestion and delays. The following detour will be in place:

## Union Turnpike ramp to Route 15 northbound detour:

- Motorists wishing to take the ramp from the Union Turnpike ramp to Route 15 northbound will be directed to turn left onto E. Dewey Avenue/CR 642
- Turn right on N. Main Street/CR 634
- Stay right to take the ramp to Route 15 northbound

Work is expected to be complete before rush hour on Thursday morning. 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 construction updates and real-time travel information. For NJDOT news follow us on Twitter <u>@NewJerseyDOT</u> and our <u>Facebook page.</u>

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