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I-80 westbound traffic shift tonight as Bridges over Rockaway River project nears completion in Morris County Westbound traffic to be shifted overnight into its final configuration

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced lane closures and a traffic shift on I-80 westbound as the I-80 Bridges over Rockaway River replacement project nears completion in Roxbury, Jefferson, and Rockaway, Morris County.

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Friday, October 1, NJDOT's Contractor, I.E.W. Construction Group Inc., is scheduled to close two lanes on I-80 westbound at the Bridges over Rockaway River for roadway striping to shift traffic into the final configuration. One lane of traffic will be maintained. By 7 a.m. Saturday, October 2, all three westbound lanes will be open to traffic.

Next week, I-80 eastbound will have lane closures at the Bridges over Rockaway River for restriping to shift traffic into its final configuration.

The \$20.8 million federally-funded project replaced both eastbound and westbound spans, which were in poor condition. In addition, the existing guiderail was brought up to current standards. The project was designed to advance in stages to minimize the impact on motorists, beginning with the eastbound span. The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2021.

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 $\underline{\text{www.511nj.org}}$ for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter $\underline{\text{@NewJerseyDOT}}$ and on the NJDOT Facebook page.