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Route 1&9 connector to I-78 to have overnight lane and ramp closures beginning tonight in Newark Paving project to last for several weeks

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the start of a project to repave the Route 1&9 connector to I-78 that will require overnight lane and ramp closures for several weeks in Newark, Essex County.

Beginning at 10 p.m., tonight, Wednesday, November 17 until 5 a.m. the next day, and continuing most nights Monday through Friday for several weeks, NJDOT's contractor, Della Pello Paving, Inc., is scheduled to close two lanes on the Route 1&9 connector to repave the roadway. One lane will be maintained overnight. There are several ramp closures that will be necessary on various nights depending on where the work is taking place. Motorists should follow the signed detours.

Work will begin tonight where the I-78 westbound Exit 57/Route 1&9 South ramp becomes the Route 1&9 connector heading toward Newark Airport. Work in this direction is scheduled to continue weeknights beginning tonight through next Tuesday, November 23. Once the lanes heading toward the airport are completed, work will move to the other side of the connector to pave the lanes heading away from the airport toward I-78. The following ramps will be closed over the next week:

Wednesday, November 17

- I-78 eastbound Exit 57 to Route 21 northbound (Exit 57 will be open with traffic directed to stay left toward Newark Airport Main Terminals/North Area/South Area)
- Route 1&9 connector southbound to Route 1&9 North/North Area/South Area

Thursday, November 18

Route 1&9 connector southbound to Haynes Avenue

Friday, November 19, Monday, November 22 and Tuesday, November

• I-78 Westbound Local Exit 57 to Route 1&9 South/Newark Airport/Elizabeth

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

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