

For Immediate Release: January 14, 2022

Contact:

Jim Barry Steve Schapiro (609) 963-1975

I-78 westbound express lanes closed tonight for overhead sign replacement in Springfield Closures required as bridge demolition continues

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced I-78 westbound express will be closed tonight as the CR 577/Main Street bridge deck replacement project advances in Springfield, Union County.

Beginning at 11 p.m. tonight, Friday, January 14, until 6 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, January 15, NJDOT's contractor, Kyle Conti Construction, is scheduled to close all lanes on I-78 westbound express between milepost 51 and 50.2. Motorists traveling on I-78 westbound express will be shifted onto the I-78 westbound local lanes at the crossover ramp for Route 24 west to I-287/Springfield/Morristown.

The ramp from Route 124/Springfield Avenue to I-78 westbound express also will be closed, with all motorists directed to take the ramp to I-78 westbound local, <u>which comes before</u> the ramp to I-78 westbound express.

I-78 westbound local will have a few temporary 15-minute stoppages of traffic between 12 midnight and 4 a.m. New Jersey State Police will assist with the traffic stoppages. These closures and stoppages will allow the contractor to install on overhead sign as part of the project to replace the CR 577/Main Street Bridge over I-78.

The \$8.2 million Main Street/CR 577 Bridge over I-78 project will replace the existing bridge deck and abutments, which are in poor condition. It also includes replacement of overhead sign structures and guiderails. The project is expected to be completed by fall 2022.

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>.

#