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I-78 westbound Express lanes to be closed tonight for bridge deck replacement in Union Township, Union County I-78 westbound Local left lane closure also to be closed tonight

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced that I-78 westbound Express will be closed tonight in Union Township, Union County. In addition, the left lane on I-78 westbound Local will be closed during construction.

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Friday, February 17, until 7 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, February 18, NJDOT's contractor, IEW Construction Inc., is scheduled to close all lanes on I-78 westbound Express from milepost 51.4 to milepost 50.6. The closure is necessary to make bridge deck repairs to the Springfield Avenue/Route 124 Bridge over I-78. Motorists traveling on I-78 westbound Express will be shifted onto the I-78 westbound Local lanes at the crossover ramp for Route 24 westbound to I-287/Springfield/Morristown.

In addition, the left lane on I-78 westbound Local will be closed between mileposts 51.4 and 50.6 overnight at the same times. The lane closure is necessary to allow traffic on I-78 westbound Express to safely merge onto I-78 westbound Local. At least two lanes will be maintained on I-78 westbound Local during construction.

The work is part of a \$5 million state-funded maintenance project to repair infrastructure various locations in eight counties throughout North Jersey.

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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