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## Route 1&9 northbound ramp to Port Street and Port Newark to be closed and detoured tonight in Newark Overnight lane closures on Port Street ramp to I-78 and 1&9 southbound

**(Trenton)** – The ramp from Route 1&9 northbound to Port Street and Port Newark is scheduled to be closed and detoured beginning tonight as an overhead sign installation project begins in Newark, Essex County.

Beginning at 11 p.m. tonight, Friday, March 17, until 7 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, March 18, the ramp from Route 1&9 northbound to Port Street and Port Newark will be closed and detoured to set construction barrier in the left shoulder. Motorists will be directed to continue straight and follow the posted detour. By Saturday morning, the ramp will reopen with traffic shifted to the right.

In addition, beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Friday, March 17, until 7 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, March 18, the left lane on the ramp from Port Street westbound to I-78 and Route 1&9 southbound will be closed with traffic shifted to the right.

The closures are required to set up a median work zone for overhead sign installation. This traffic pattern will be in place for approximately three months.

The \$9.3 million state-funded project will replace sign structures on various routes in Bergen, Passaic, Morris, Mercer, Camden, Ocean, Union and Essex counties. The project is expected to be completed in fall 2023.

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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