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I-80 eastbound Exit 56B to Squirrelwood Road northbound to be closed and detoured in Woodland Park, Passaic County Work needed for Squirrelwood Road Bridge over I-80 replacement project

(Trenton) – The I-80 eastbound Exit 56B ramp to Squirrelwood Road northbound and the ramp from Squirrelwood Road northbound to I-80 westbound are scheduled to be closed tonight as part of a bridge replacement project in Woodland Park, Passaic County. In addition, Squirrelwood Road northbound is scheduled to be closed and detoured beginning tonight.

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Friday, April 5, the I-80 eastbound Exit 56 ramp to Squirrelwood Road northbound and the ramp from Squirrelwood Road northbound to I-80 westbound are scheduled to be closed and detoured. In addition, Squirrelwood Road northbound is scheduled to be closed at Jackson Avenue/ramp to I-80 eastbound.

The closures are necessary for gas main work and to demolish and reconstruct the northbound side of the Squirrelwood Road Bridge over I-80. This stage is expected to be in place through the fall of 2024. Squirrelwood Road southbound will remain open during construction and pedestrian access will be maintained on the bridge. The following detours will be in place for the duration of the project:

I-80 eastbound Exit 56B to Squirrelwood Road northbound detour:

- Motorists traveling on I-80 eastbound wishing to take Exit 56B to Squirrelwood Road northbound will be directed to continue on I-80 eastbound
- Take Exit 57B to Paterson/Downtown
- Stay right and take the ramp to I-80 West/Grand Street
- Stay left to take the ramp to I-80 West/Del Water Gap
- Take I-80 westbound to Exit 56/Squirrelwood Rd/Woodland Park/Patterson
- Stay right to Squirrelwood Road northbound

Squirrelwood Road northbound to I-80 westbound Exit detour:

- Motorists traveling on Squirrelwood Road northbound wishing to take I-80 westbound will be directed to take the ramp to I-80 eastbound
- Take Exit 57B to Paterson/Downtown
- Stay right and take the ramp to I-80 West/Grand Street
- Stay left to take the ramp to I-80 West/Del Water Gap

Squirrelwood Road northbound detour:

- Motorists traveling on Squirrelwood Road northbound will be directed to take the ramp to I-80 eastbound
- Take Exit 57B to Paterson/Downtown

- Stay right and take the ramp to I-80 West/Grand Street
- Stay left to take the ramp to I-80 West/Del Water Gap
- Take I-80 westbound to Exit 56/Squirrelwood Rd/Woodland Park/Patterson
- Stay right to Squirrelwood Road northbound

The \$12.2 million Squirrelwood Road, Bridge over I-80 project will replace the Squirrelwood Road Bridge over I-80 in Woodland Park, Passaic County. The project will be done in stages with the northbound side of the bridge being reconstructed first. Once it is complete, southbound traffic will be shifted onto the newly constructed northbound side of the bridge to allow for the demolition and reconstruction of the southbound side of the bridge. In addition to replacing the bridge, a new traffic signal at the intersection of the I-80 westbound off-ramp and Squirrelwood Road will be installed. The project will include repaving, guiderail replacement, and upgrades to curbs and sidewalks. The project is expected to be completed by the fall of 2025.

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 www.511nj.org for real-time travel information, and for NJDOT news follow us on X (Twitter) @NewJerseyDOT or on the NJDOT Facebook page.