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I-80 eastbound ramp from Howard Boulevard southbound to be closed tonight in Mount Arlington, Morris County Detour to remain in place for approximately two weeks

(Trenton) – The I-80 eastbound ramp from Howard Boulevard southbound is scheduled to be closed and detoured tonight, for approximately 14 days, as the I-80 Bridges over Howard Boulevard bridge replacement project advances in Mount Arlington, Morris County.

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Friday, October 11, until 8 p.m., Friday, October 25, the Howard Boulevard southbound ramp to I-80 eastbound is scheduled to be closed for drainage improvements, as well as curb and concrete repairs. If work is completed earlier, the ramp will reopen sooner. The following detour will be in place:

Howard Boulevard southbound ramp to I-80 eastbound Detour:

- Motorists on Howard Boulevard southbound wishing to take the ramp to I-80 eastbound will be directed to take the ramp to I-80 westbound, <u>which is before the</u> <u>ramp to I-80 eastbound</u>
- Take Exit 27A to Route 206 southbound/Somerville
- Stay right to take the ramp to I-80 eastbound

The \$65.4 million federally funded project will replace the existing bridges carrying I-80 eastbound and I-80 westbound over Howard Boulevard/CR 516, which are in poor condition. Improvements will include raising the vertical clearance of each bridge, widening the shoulders, lengthening acceleration and deceleration lanes on I-80, and widening the ramps to and from Howard Boulevard. The Howard Boulevard intersection will be reconfigured to improve operational performance.

The project will also include upgraded traffic signals and lighting, and ADA-compliant sidewalks and crosswalks. Sidewalks will be extended to the Mount Arlington Train Station for improved pedestrian and bicycle safety and mobility. The project is expected to be completed in summer 2027.

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 real-time travel information, and for NJDOT news follow us on X (Twitter) <u>@NewJerseyDOT</u>, the <u>NJDOT Facebook page</u>, or on Instagram <u>@NewJersey.DOT</u>.

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