



NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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I-78 Express lanes to be closed in both directions tonight for bridge work in Newark **Traffic will be directed to use I-78 Local lanes**

(Trenton) – The I-78 Express lanes in both directions and several ramps are scheduled to be closed tonight for repairs to the Bergen Street Bridge over I-78 and to shift traffic under the Bragaw Bridge over I-78 in Newark, Essex County.

I-78 westbound Express Lane Closure

Beginning at 10 p.m. tonight, Friday, October 11, until 6 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, October 12, the I-78 westbound Express lanes are scheduled to be closed beginning at the NJ Turnpike Toll Plaza with all traffic directed to the Local lanes. The closure is necessary to make repairs to the Bergen Street Bridge over I-78, which was struck by a truck on September 4. In addition, traffic from the following ramps will be directed to use I-78 westbound Local lanes:

- Route 1&9 southbound to I-78 westbound
- Port Street to I-78 westbound
- Runyon Street to I-78 westbound

I-78 eastbound Express Lane Closure

Beginning at 10 p.m. tonight, Friday, October 11, until 6 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, October 12, the I-78 eastbound Express lanes are scheduled to be closed before the Garden State Parkway with all traffic directed to the Local lanes. The closure is necessary to place construction barrier and restripe the Express lanes to shift traffic near the Bragaw Street Bridge over I-78.

By 6 a.m. Saturday morning, the I-78 eastbound Express lanes will reopen with traffic shifted to the right using the shoulder as a travel lane in order to maintain two through lanes under the Bragaw Street Bridge over I-78. This configuration is expected to be in place through the end of the year to make repairs to the bridge.

The work is part of an \$11 million state-funded maintenance project to repair bridges in Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Union, and Warren counties.

Variable Message Signs will provide advance notification to motorists of traffic pattern changes associated with the work. 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](https://twitter.com/NewJerseyDOT), the [NJDOT Facebook page](#), and on Instagram [@newjersey.dot](https://www.instagram.com/newjersey.dot).

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