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I-287/I-78 interchange improvements project begins in Somerset County **Ramp realignments will enhance safety and improve traffic flow**

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced a major project to improve safety and traffic operations at the I-287 interchange with I-78 in Bridgewater and Bedminster, Somerset County. The project also will realign the exit ramp from I-287 northbound to Route 202/206 southbound.

Beginning at 8 p.m. Friday, September 23, and continuing until 7 a.m. Saturday, September 24, NJDOT's contractor, Midlantic Construction LLC., will alternate the closure of the left and right lanes on Route 202/Route 206 southbound between Schley Mountain Road and Hills Drive in Bedminster to restripe and place drums. Once the traffic shift is in place, Route 202/Route 206 southbound will maintain two 11-foot travel lanes shifted to the left side of the highway and a construction zone on the right.

In addition, two lanes of I-287 northbound will be temporarily closed overnight between approximately Burnt Mills Road overpass and Exit 22A in Bedminster to establish a temporary work zone. The construction zone will be established by alternating the closure of the two left lanes, and then the two right lanes to restripe and place drums. Once the traffic shift is in place, I-287 northbound will consist of four 11-foot travel lanes shifted to the left side of the highway with a construction zone on the right. Barrier curb is expected to be installed overnight in the near future.

Project Details

The \$24.5 million federally-funded I-287/I-78 Interchange Improvements project will enhance safety and improve traffic operations between the existing I-287 interchanges with I-78 and Route 202/206. The project is expected to be completed in late 2019. Project improvements include:

- A new flyover ramp from I-78 eastbound that will be constructed to provide a right side entry to I-287 northbound through a new loop ramp. The existing ramp and its left side entry to I-287 northbound will be eliminated.
- The new flyover ramp will require construction of two new bridges spanning over the existing I-287 northbound to I-78 westbound ramp and over the I-287 southbound roadway.

- The existing Exit 21A ramp from I-287 northbound to I-78 eastbound will be shifted to the south to provide room to construct the new loop ramp.
- The mainline lanes of I-287 northbound will be realigned within the existing highway footprint such that the fourth northbound through lane originates on the right side of the roadway at the new loop ramp entry (as opposed to the left side entry as now exists).
- Realignment of the existing I-287 northbound Exit 22A ramp to Routes 202/206 southbound to provide continuous flow of traffic from the ramp onto Routes 202/206 and reduce possible traffic backing up onto I-287.

For more information about the project, visit [the I-287/I-78 Interchange Improvements Project web page](#).

Variable message signs will be utilized throughout the project limits to provide advance notification to motorists of all traffic pattern changes associated with the interchange improvements project. Throughout the project, NJDOT will provide information before upcoming road or ramp closures. Any necessary traffic detours will be coordinated with the local police. If work is completed earlier, the roadways will be reopened accordingly.

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 Twitter [@NJDOT_info](https://twitter.com/NJDOT_info).

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