

Governor Phil Murphy

ICYMI: I-80 Westbound Two Lanes to Reopen Friday Night in Wharton, Morris County

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All lanes scheduled to reopen June 25

TRENTON – Two lanes on I-80 westbound are expected to reopen late Friday night, May 30, weather permitting, in Wharton, Morris County. NJDOT will provide an update once the lanes are open. Work in the median is advancing with all lanes in both directions on schedule to reopen by June 25.

I-80 Westbound

Paving is expected to be completed late tonight, Thursday, May 29 or early tomorrow morning. The roadway will need to cool and harden before it can be striped, which is weather sensitive and cannot be done if the roadway is wet. Barrier curb will be installed to separate the median work zone from the two lanes of traffic, which will be utilizing the shoulder as a travel lane and the right lane. Once the lanes are reopened, the I-80 westbound detour utilizing Exit 34B will be removed.

The speed limit will be reduced to 45 mph on I-80 westbound through the work zone. Motorists are reminded this is an active work zone and are advised to SLOW DOWN and use caution.

I-80 Median Work Zone

Concrete pours for all six median slabs are complete. The next step is the sealant application, which is weather sensitive, and then paving multiple layers of asphalt. Work in the median is expected to be slower than on the eastbound and westbound sides due to the added complexity of getting materials and workers to and from the smaller work zone safely with live traffic on either side. All lanes are on schedule to reopen by June 25.

Crews will continue working 24 hours a day until repairs are completed, and the highway is fully reopened. NJDOT will continue to look for any avenues to pick up time, if possible.

I-80 Eastbound

Two lanes on I-80 eastbound reopened Wednesday night, May 21, and the detour utilizing Exit 34 was removed.

The speed limit has been reduced to 40 mph on I-80 eastbound through the work zone. Motorists are reminded this is an active work zone and are advised to SLOW DOWN and use caution.

NJDOT has created an

I-80 project web page

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A new

I-80 travel time page

([https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://t.e2ma.net/click/v5lv7m/nrddit/vto14bb_!!J30X0ZrnC1oQtba!MLX0gV5eRFUiXKTdOWf7AdsnwD9igCf3NleMmy7J5eGucyXyRTQ82oHEVY\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://t.e2ma.net/click/v5lv7m/nrddit/vto14bb_!!J30X0ZrnC1oQtba!MLX0gV5eRFUiXKTdOWf7AdsnwD9igCf3NleMmy7J5eGucyXyRTQ82oHEVY$))

has been added to

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Motorists are encouraged to check NJDOT's traffic information website

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