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I-85 North Ramp Closures at U.S. 1/401 Start Monday in Warren County

RALEIGH – Work on the Interstate 85 rehab project in **Vance** and **Warren** counties will require the closure of a pair of ramps on the northbound side at exit 233 (U.S. 1/401), the closest North Carolina exit to the Virginia state line.

The initial closure was supposed to be this week, but poor weather postponed that move. Instead, both the on and off ramps for Wise Road are now scheduled to close on Monday, March 5.

The closures are needed for ramp reconstruction and concrete paving at the exit. They are expected to last 60 days, which means they should reopen the first week of May.

A detour in place for the off ramp will direct drivers to get off one exit earlier, at exit 229 (Oine Road), and then take Rooker Dairy Road north to where it intersects with U.S. 1/401 by exit 233. The on-ramp detour sends drivers southbound on I-85, where they would take exit 229, then get right back on the northbound side of the interstate.

Drivers are urged to pay extra attention throughout the work zone, obey the speed limit and follow detour signs.

It is all part of a $137 million project to improve over 20 miles of I-85 between Dabney Road in Vance County and the Virginia state line. The work involves repairing the deteriorating road surface, as well as bridge replacements and improvements on the interstate and roads crossing over the highway.

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