



# I-78 Reconstruction and Widening Project

## Why Is the I-78 Reconstruction Program Needed?

- **Increasing Traffic Volumes and Accommodating Planned Growth**  
Traffic continues to grow due to regional residential, commercial, and industrial development. Continued development is expected to increase passenger and truck traffic, requiring added capacity.
- **Congestion and Travel Delays**  
Existing two-lane sections and constrained interchanges create bottlenecks.
- **Safety**  
Current configurations contribute to crash risks due to merging conflicts, limited capacity, and outdated design standards.
- **Freight and Economic Importance**  
I-78 is a critical freight corridor connecting manufacturers, distribution centers and businesses to the Mid-Atlantic region. Improvements are needed to maintain regional mobility.
- **Aging Infrastructure**  
Bridges and roadways are approaching their intended service life and require updates.
- **Interchange Deficiencies**  
The existing Route 100 interchange and limited access at Adams Road create traffic slowdowns and make it harder for drivers to safely get on and off I-78.
- **Regional Mobility Needs**  
The corridor serves commuters, freight operators, and local travelers. Improvements are needed to maintain reliable travel times.
- **Facility Deficiencies**  
Shoulder widths on I-78, acceleration and deceleration lanes at interchanges, and vertical clearances under Adams Road over I-78/Kecks Road over I-78/I-78 over SR 100 are all substandard.
- **Long-Term System Resiliency**  
Phased improvements allow the corridor to function safely and efficiently for decades to come.

