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# Route 495 westbound ramp to NJ Turnpike closed overnight this week as bridge deck replacement nears completion Route 495 westbound ramp to Route 1&9 northbound to reopen Friday

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced that the Route 495 westbound ramp to the New Jersey Turnpike will be closed for several nights this week, as the bridge deck replacement project nears completion in North Bergen. In addition, the 31st Street ramp from Kennedy Boulevard will be closed and detoured nightly this week, and the ramp from Route 495 westbound to Route 1&9 northbound will reopen by 6 a.m. on Friday, June 18.

## **Route 495 westbound to New Jersey Turnpike**

Beginning at 11 p.m. tonight, Tuesday, June 15 until 5 a.m. Wednesday, June 16, NJDOT's contractor, IEW Construction Group, is scheduled to close two left lanes on Route 495 westbound and the ramp to the Turnpike with all traffic directed to Route 3 westbound. The closure is necessary to remove the last stage of the construction barrier in preparation for final paving work.

On Wednesday, June 16 from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. the next day, two lanes on Route 495 westbound will be closed up to the split of Route 495 westbound to the Turnpike and Route 3 westbound. Access to both the Turnpike and Route 3 will be maintained.

On Friday, June 18 and Saturday, June 19 from 10 p.m. until 8 a.m. the following day, the two left lanes on Route 495 westbound and the ramp to the Turnpike will be closed and detoured with all traffic directed to Route 3 westbound. The closure is necessary for paving work. The following detour will be in place on Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday nights:

#### Route 495 westbound ramp to the New Jersey Turnpike detour:

- Motorists on Route 495 westbound will be directed onto Route 3 westbound
- Traffic can take the Paterson Plank Road westbound exit from the westbound service road to access the NJ Turnpike.
- However, the best route is to take Route 3 westbound for about 3 miles over the Hackensack River
- Stay right and take the exit for the NJ Turnpike

### 31st Street ramp from Kennedy Boulevard to Paterson Plank Road/Route 1&9 north

From 11 p.m. until 5 a.m. the next day, beginning tonight, Tuesday, June 15 and continuing nightly through Saturday, June 19, the 31st Street ramp from Kennedy Boulevard to Paterson Plank Road/Route 1&9 north will be closed and detoured. On Friday and Saturday nights, the closure will extend until 8 a.m. the next morning. The following detour will be in place:

• Traffic wishing to utilize the 31<sup>st</sup> Street ramp to Paterson Plank Road or Route 1&9 north will be directed to take Kennedy Boulevard to 32<sup>nd</sup> Street/Bergen Turnpike

- Turn left onto 32<sup>nd</sup> Street/Bergen Turnpike
- Turn left onto Union Turnpike
- Turn right onto Route 1&9 north or
- Stay straight and Union Turnpike becomes Paterson Plank Road

# Route 495 westbound ramp to Route 1&9 northbound

Beginning at 10 p.m. Thursday, June 17 until 5 a.m. Friday, June 18, the two right lanes on Route 495 westbound will be closed to remove barrier and install a crash cushion in order to reopen the ramp from Rt 495 westbound to Route 1&9 northbound. By 6 a.m. Friday, June 18 the ramp will be reopened.

Variable Message Signs will be used to provide advance notification to motorists. 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 <a href="https://www.511nj.org">www.511nj.org</a> for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter <a href="https://www.511nj.org">@NewJerseyDOT</a> and on the <a href="https://www.511nj.org">NJDOT Facebook page</a>.

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