



NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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I-80 westbound Exit 60 to Route 20 northbound to be closed and detoured tonight in Paterson, Passaic County Route 20 lane closures in both directions also start tonight

(Trenton) – The I-80 westbound Exit 60 ramp to Route 20 northbound is scheduled to be closed tonight as the Route 20 Paterson Safety, Drainage, and Resurfacing project advances in Paterson, Passaic County. In addition, Route 20 is scheduled to have a single lane closure in both directions for approximately two months beginning tonight.

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Thursday, March 21 until 5 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, March 22, the I-80 westbound Exit 60 ramp to Route 20 northbound is scheduled to be closed and detoured. This closure is necessary to remove construction barrier in the left lane. The following detour will be in place overnight:

I-80 westbound Exit 60 to Route 20 northbound detour:

- Motorists traveling on I-80 westbound wishing to take Exit 60 to Route 20 northbound will be directed to continue on I-80 westbound.
- Take Exit 59 to Market Street/Paterson
- Stay left and follow signs for Route 46/Route 20/I-80
- Cross over I-80 and turn left to take the ramp to I-80 and Route 20
- Stay right to take the ramp to Route 20/I-80 West to Route 46/21/Hawthorne/Clifton
- Use the left to take the ramp to Route 20 northbound

In addition, beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Thursday, March 21, the left lane on Route 20 northbound is scheduled to be closed between 19th Avenue and the ramp to Route 4 eastbound. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained. The left lane on Route 20 southbound also is scheduled to be closed between Edward Street and 18th Avenue. At least one lane of traffic will be maintained. The closures are necessary to replace the median barrier and install drainage inlets and will be in place for approximately two months.

The \$48.5 million federally funded Route 20 Paterson Safety, Drainage, and Resurfacing project will make upgrades and repairs along approximately five miles of Route 20 in Clifton and Paterson, Passaic County. In addition to drainage improvements, the project will include repaving, guiderail replacement, lighting and overhead sign installation, and upgrades to traffic signals, curbs and sidewalks. The project is expected to be completed by the fall of 2025.

NJDOT Pothole Campaign

NJDOT's 2024 Pothole Campaign began on March 4. [Watch a safety message from Acting Commissioner Fran O'Connor](#) about how NJDOT repairs potholes to keep our roads safe and in a state of good repair.

To repair potholes in the most aggressive and efficient manner during the Pothole Campaign, the Department will be allowing crews throughout the state to close travel lanes where necessary during daytime hours. When possible, crews will limit their daytime work hours from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will try to avoid working in travel lanes carrying traffic during peak times.

It is important to **slow down in work zones** so NJDOT crews can safely make repairs. [New Jersey's Move Over law](#) requires motorists to move over, if it is safe to do so, when approaching an emergency or service vehicle stopped on the side of the road. If you cannot safely MOVE OVER, PLEASE SLOW DOWN.

In addition to our crews monitoring and reporting potholes that need repair on state highways, we encourage motorists to report potholes as well. Motorists may call **1-800-POTHOLE** or go online to [report potholes](#) on state roads using a new mapping feature to help identify the exact location of the pothole.

To report potholes on county roads, [contact the appropriate jurisdiction](#). The Department responds as quickly as possible, especially to reports of potholes that create safety concerns based on their size and location.

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 X (Twitter) [@NewJerseyDOT](#) or on the [NJDOT Facebook page](#).

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