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Route 23 northbound lane closure next week in West Milford, Passaic County High Crest Drive to be detoured during construction

(Trenton) – Route 23 northbound is scheduled to have the right lane closed on Monday and Tuesday as the Route 23 Northbound Bridge over Pequannock River replacement project advances in West Milford, Passaic County. In addition, access to and from Route 23 to High Crest Drive will be closed and detoured.

From 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., Monday, April 22 and continuing from 8 p.m. Monday, April 22 until 6 a.m. Tuesday, April 23, and from 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 23 until 6 a.m. Wednesday, April 24, the right lane and shoulder on Route 23 northbound are scheduled to be closed before the Bridge over the Pequannock River until just past High Crest Drive. At least one lane will be maintained overnight. The closure is necessary to install a 48-inch drainage pipe and is a continuation of work that began last week.

The ramp from Hamburg Turnpike/CR 694 onto Route 23 northbound will remain open, however there will be a temporary stop sign at end of the ramp to Route 23 northbound. Access to and from Route 23 to High Crest Drive will be closed and detoured overnight. The following detours will be in place each night:

Route 23 northbound to High Crest Drive

- Motorists on Route 23 northbound wishing to take High Crest Drive will be directed to continue on Route 23 northbound
- Stay left to take the U-turn to Route 23 southbound
- Take the Bloomingdale/Pompton Lakes exit
- Turn right onto Hamburg Turnpike/CR 694
- Turn left onto Macopin Road
- Turn left onto Northwood Drive
- Turn right onto Macopin Terrace back to High Crest Drive

High Crest Drive to Route 23 northbound

- Motorists on High Crest Drive wishing to take Route 23 northbound will be directed to take High Crest Drive and turn right onto Macopin Terrace
- Turn left onto Northwood Drive
- Turn right onto Macopin Road

- Turn right onto Hamburg Turnpike/CR 694
- Merge onto Route 23 northbound

The work is part of the \$7.3 million federally funded Route 23, Northbound Bridge over Pequannock River Project located between mileposts 25.13 to 25.70 on the border of West Milford, Passaic County and Jefferson, Morris County. The bridge deck and substructure are in poor condition, requiring replacement. Additional improvements include improving sight distances and updating guiderails to meet current design standards, as well as providing wildlife passages below the bridge. The project is expected to be completed in spring 2026.

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](https://twitter.com/NewJerseyDOT) and on the [NJDOT Facebook page](#).

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