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Route 20 ramp and lane closures begin tonight as roadway rehabilitation project advances in Paterson Long-term closure and detour of Route 20 ramps at 5th Avenue

(Trenton) – Route 20 is scheduled to have long-term ramp and lane closures beginning tonight as a roadway rehabilitation project advances in Paterson, Passaic County.

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Friday, September 6, the Route 20 southbound U-turn ramp at 5th Avenue, the Route 20 northbound ramp to 5th Avenue westbound, and the 5th Avenue ramp to Route 20 southbound are scheduled to be closed and detoured. In addition, 5th Avenue eastbound will be closed at East 23rd Street with access maintained for local traffic. The closures are necessary to install barrier curb and temporary traffic signals, which are necessary to implement a new, long-term traffic pattern.

Beginning Saturday morning, Route 20 will be reduced to a single lane in each direction between 9th Avenue and 3rd Avenue. In addition, the ramps between Route 20 and 5th Avenue will remain closed. This traffic pattern is expected to remain in place for approximately one year to build a retaining wall, install new traffic signals, and improve drainage. The following detours will be in place:

Route 20 southbound U-Turn at 5th Avenue Detour

- Motorists on Route 20 southbound wishing to take the U-turn ramp at 5th Avenue will be directed to continue on Route 20 southbound
- Stay left to take the U-turn after 33rd Street

Route 20 southbound to 5th Avenue/CR 562 westbound Detour

- Motorists on Route 20 southbound wishing to take 5th Avenue/CR 652 westbound will be directed to continue on Route 20 southbound
- Turn right onto 10th Avenue
- Turn right onto Madison Avenue/CR 619 northbound, back to 5th Avenue

Route 20 northbound to 5th Avenue Detour

- Motorists on Route 20 northbound wishing to take the ramp to 5th Avenue will be directed to continue on Route 20 northbound, which becomes 1st Avenue
- Turn left onto Madison Avenue/CR 619 southbound back to 5th Avenue

5th Avenue ramp to Route 20 southbound Detour

- Motorists on 5th Avenue wishing to take Route 20 southbound will be directed to turn right on Madison Avenue/CR 619, *which is before the 5th Avenue ramp to Route 20 southbound*
- Follow Madison Avenue/CR 619 southbound
- Turn left on 10th Avenue, which becomes Route 20 southbound

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 fall 2025.

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 construction updates and real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on X (Twitter) [@NewJerseyDOT](https://twitter.com/NewJerseyDOT) or on the [NJDOT Facebook page](#).

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