



NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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I-280 lane closures in both directions starting tonight as bridge deck replacement project advances in Newark Closures will continue weeknights through next week

(Trenton) – I-280 eastbound and westbound over 1st and Orange Streets is scheduled to have lane closures starting tonight and continuing weeknights through next week, as a bridge deck replacement project advances in Newark, Essex County.

Beginning at 9 p.m. tonight, Friday, October 4 until 10 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, October 5, and continuing nightly from Monday, October 7 until Friday, October 11 from 10 p.m. until 6 a.m. the next day, the left lanes on I-280 eastbound and westbound are scheduled to be closed between approximately Exits 13 and 14. At least one lane will be maintained on I-280 in both directions and Exits 13 and 14 will remain open. The closures are necessary to pour a new concrete deck.

The \$31.7 million federally funded project will replace the I-280 westbound bridge decks on the 10-span viaduct that goes over the NJ TRANSIT tracks, Orange Street and 1st Street in Newark, Essex County. The project includes substructure repairs, replacing bearings, repairing structural steel, and repainting portions of the bridge. In addition, the existing retaining wall on the ramp from 1st Street to I-280 westbound will be replaced to allow for three through lanes on I-280 westbound beyond the bridge. Two new overhead sign structures also will be installed over I-280. The project was designed to advance in stages to minimize impact on motorists. Construction is expected to be completed by fall 2025.

Variable Message Signs will provide advance notification to motorists of traffic pattern changes associated with the work. 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), on the [NJDOT Facebook page](#), or Instagram [@NewJersey.DOT](https://www.instagram.com/NewJersey.DOT).

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