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Washington Road Bridge over D&R Canal to be closed for a week starting tonight between Princeton and West Windsor Closure and detour necessary for milling and paving

(Trenton) – The Washington Road Bridge over the D&R Canal is scheduled to be closed and detoured for a week starting tonight as the bridge replacement project nears completion in Princeton and West Windsor, Mercer County.

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Friday, October 11, the Washington Road Bridge over the D&R Canal will be closed between Nursery Road and Faculty Road. Local access will be maintained between Route 1 and Nursery Road. The closure is necessary for milling and paving and application of a concrete overlay following the bridge replacement and bearing work that was completed in January. Work is expected to be completed and the bridge reopened by 12 noon on Friday, October 18. If work is completed sooner, the bridge will reopen earlier. The following detours will be in place:

Washington Road eastbound Detour:

- Motorists on Route 27/Nassau Street southbound wishing to travel eastbound on Washington Road will be directed to turn left onto University Place
- At the roundabout take Alexander Street eastbound
- Turn left to take the ramp onto Route 1 northbound
- Stay right to take Washington Road eastbound or westbound

Or

- From Route 27/Nassau Street northbound, turn right onto Harrison Street
- Turn right onto Route 1 southbound
- Stay right on Route 1 southbound to take the "All Turns" lane to CR 571/Hightstown/Princeton back to Washington Road

Washington Road westbound Detour:

- Motorists on Washington Road westbound before the Route 1 intersection wishing to cross the Washington Road Bridge over the D&R Canal will be directed to turn right onto Route 1 northbound
- Stay right to take the Harrison Street exit
- Turn left on Harrison Street
- Cross Route 1 and continue on Harrison Street westbound to Princeton
- Turn left onto Route 27/Nassau Street southbound back to Washington Road

Or

- Motorists on Washington Road westbound before the Route 1 intersection wishing to cross the Washington Road Bridge over the D&R Canal will be directed to turn left onto Route 1 southbound
- Take the ramp to Alexander Road westbound to Princeton
- Continue on Alexander Road and turn right onto University Place
- Turn right onto Route 27/Nassau Street northbound back to Washington Road

Route 1 to Washington Road northbound Detour:

Motorists traveling on Route 1 northbound or southbound wishing to travel into Princeton using Washington Street northbound will be directed to use Alexander Road/Alexander Street or South Harrison Street/Lower Harrison Street.

Pedestrian Access

Access to the D&R Canal towpath will be maintained for pedestrians and cyclists on Washington Road southbound, crossing the Washington Road Bridge over Lake Carnegie. Barriers will be in place to direct pedestrians and cyclists to the towpath a safe distance away from the active construction zone.

Pedestrians and cyclists on Washington Road northbound will not be able to access the D&R Canal towpath. Instead, they can use crossings at Alexander Street and Harrison Street.

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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