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Princeton Pike traffic shift Thursday night for bridge reconstruction in Lawrence, Mercer County I-295 southbound Exit 68A Truck detour to be in place until 2026

(Trenton) – Princeton Pike northbound is scheduled to be closed with alternating traffic on Thursday night to shift traffic as the Princeton Pike Bridge over I-295 replacement project advances in Lawrence, Mercer County.

Beginning at 8 p.m. tomorrow, Thursday, November 7, until 6 a.m. Friday, November 8, Princeton Pike northbound is scheduled to be closed with alternating traffic using the southbound side of the bridge. In addition, the I-295 southbound Exit 68A ramp to Princeton Pike northbound is scheduled to be closed at the same time. The following detour will be in place:

I-295 southbound Exit 68A to Princeton Pike northbound Detour:

- Motorists wishing to take the I-295 southbound Exit 68A to Princeton Pike northbound will be directed to continue on I-295 southbound
- Take Exit 67 to Route 1 southbound
- Turn right onto Franklin Corner Road
- Turn right onto Princeton Pike northbound

By 6 a.m. Friday, November 8, Princeton Pike northbound will be closed with one lane of traffic in each direction maintained on the southbound side of the Princeton Pike Bridge over I-295. The closure is necessary to demolish and reconstruct the northbound side of the bridge. This configuration is expected to remain in place until summer 2026.

In addition, cars wishing to use the I-295 southbound Exit 68A to Princeton Pike northbound will be shifted to a new temporary ramp. Trucks will not be able to use the temporary ramp. The following truck detour will be in place:

I-295 southbound Exit 68A to Princeton Pike northbound Truck Detour:

- Trucks wishing to take the I-295 northbound Exit 68A to Princeton Pike northbound will be directed to continue on I-295 southbound
- Take Exit 67 to Route 1 southbound
- Turn right onto Franklin Corner Road
- Turn right onto Princeton Pike northbound

The \$19.7 million federally funded project will replace the existing bridge carrying Princeton Pike over I-295, which is in poor condition. The new bridge will be constructed in stages with work on one side of the bridge at a time. The new bridge will have a reinforced concrete deck and maintain the same configuration with a 12-foot through lane, 12-foot auxiliary lane, 12-foot outside shoulder, 2-foot inside shoulder and 6-foot-wide sidewalks in each direction, separated by a 6-foot raised median. In addition, the minimum vertical under clearance over I-295 will be raised from 14-feet, 1-inch to 16-feet, 6-inches. The project is anticipated to be completed in summer 2027.

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. 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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