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Route 18 northbound to be closed and detoured this week in East Brunswick, Middlesex County Closure necessary to install drainage and other utilities

(Trenton) – Route 18 northbound is scheduled to be closed and detoured Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights between Racetrack Road and Arthur Street as a pavement project advances in East Brunswick, Middlesex County. In the event of inclement weather, work will take place the following night.

Beginning at 9:30 p.m. tonight, Wednesday, February 19, until 5 a.m. tomorrow, Thursday, February 20, and continuing overnight on Thursday, February 20 and Friday, February 21 at the same times, Route 18 northbound is scheduled to be closed from Racetrack Road to Arthur Street. The closure is necessary to install gas lines, sanitary sewer and drainage infrastructure. The following detour will be in place:

Route 18 northbound Detour:

- Motorists on Route 18 northbound will be directed to turn right onto Racetrack Road
- Turn left onto Old Bridge Turnpike/CR 527
- Turn left onto Arthur Street, back to Route 18

This work is part of the \$86.1 million federally funded Route 18, East Brunswick, Drainage and Pavement Rehabilitation project that will make repairs on approximately four and a half miles of Route 18 in East Brunswick, Middlesex County. Work includes milling and paving, improvements to the drainage systems and storm water basins, utility relocation, installation of new sidewalks and ADA-compliant curb ramps and upgrading guiderail. Improvements will also be made to various intersections throughout the project limits. The project is expected to be completed in late 2027.

Variable messaging signs are being utilized to provide advance notification to the motoring public of all 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 construction updates and real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on X (Twitter) @NewJerseyDOT, on the NJDOT Facebook page, or Instagram @NewJersey.DOT.