



# NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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## **Route 34 restored to two lanes in each direction as CR 537 intersection project nears completion in Colts Neck** **Overnight traffic shifts and detours needed to return roads to final configuration**

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced Route 34 will be restored to two lanes in each direction by Saturday morning as the Route 34 and CR 537 intersection improvements project nears completion in Colts Neck, Monmouth County.

Currently, Route 34 southbound is closed between approximately Merchants Way to Trump National Boulevard with one lane of traffic maintained in each direction on the northbound side of the road. By Saturday morning, the southbound side of Route 34 will be reopened in its final configuration, restoring two lanes of traffic in each direction. Traffic on CR 537 also will be shifted back to its final alignment.

Beginning at 9 p.m. tonight, Friday, November 22, until 7 a.m. Saturday, November 23, Monmouth County's contractor Rencor, Inc., is scheduled to shift traffic on Route 34 between approximately Trump National Boulevard and Artisan Place for striping and relocation of traffic signal heads at the intersection of CR 537. Later tonight, CR 537 will be closed and detoured for a short time between Heyers Mill Road and Route 34 for restriping and to shift traffic into its final configuration. The following detours will be in place:

### **Route 537 eastbound detour between Heyers Mill Road and Route 34**

- Motorists on Route 537 eastbound will be directed to turn left onto Heyers Mill Road
- Turn right onto Merchants Way, which leads back to Route 34

### **Route 537 westbound detour between Heyers Mill Road and Route 34**

- Motorists on Route 537 westbound will be directed to turn right onto Route 34
- Turn left onto Merchants Way
- Turn left onto Heyers Mill Road
- Turn right onto Route 537 westbound

By 7 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, November 23, Route 34 will be in its final configuration with two lanes of traffic in each direction and CR 537 traffic will be shifted back to its final alignment. The NJDOT Local Aid Office awarded Monmouth County \$17.5 million in federal funding for the [Route 34 and CR 537 intersection improvements](#) and bridge replacements project in 2017.

The project widened Route 34 and CR 537 and replaced two bridges, one on each road over Mine Brook. The final configuration of the intersection includes dedicated left-turn and right-turn lanes and two through lanes on Route 34 in both directions, and on CR 537 there are now dedicated left-turn and right-turn lanes and a through lane in each direction. Construction began in December 2017. Final paving will be completed in the spring of 2020.

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](http://www.511nj.org) for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter [@NJDOT\\_info](https://twitter.com/NJDOT_info) or on the [NJDOT Facebook page](#).

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