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Doc Cramer Boulevard lane closures next week as Route 72 East Road project advances in Stafford Signed detour will be in place for Stafford Square shopping center

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced several days of daytime lane closures on Doc Cramer Boulevard and the Route 72 westbound jughandle to Doc Cramer Boulevard as the Route 72 East Road project advances in Stafford, Ocean County

Beginning at 8 a.m., Tuesday, February 18, until 4 p.m., and continuing daily through Friday, February 21, New Jersey Natural Gas will close and detour both southbound lanes on Doc Cramer Boulevard between Route 72 and Martin Truex Boulevard for a gas main installation as the Route 72 East Road project advances. The right lane on the Route 72 westbound jughandle also will be closed during these hours. The following signed detour will be in place for motorists wishing to use Doc Cramer Boulevard to access the Stafford Square shopping center from Route 72:

Route 72 westbound jughandle to Doc Cramer Boulevard detour

- Motorists traveling on Route 72 westbound wishing to take the jughandle to Doc Cramer Boulevard towards the Stafford Square shopping center will be directed to take the jughandle and turn left onto Route 72 eastbound
- Continue on Route 72 eastbound and keep right
- Turn right onto Captain Randolph Boulevard (immediately after Causeway Ford)
- Turn right onto McKinley Avenue until it intersects with Doc Cramer Road

Route 72 eastbound to Doc Cramer Boulevard detour

- Motorists traveling on Route 72 eastbound wishing to take Doc Cramer Boulevard towards the Stafford Square shopping center will be directed to continue on Route 72 eastbound
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- Turn right onto McKinley Avenue until it intersects with Doc Cramer Road

The \$11.6 million federally-funded Route 72 East Road project will provide highway and signal intersection improvements to address congestion and safety concerns. Improvements are scheduled to include the addition of a 10-foot shoulder in each direction on Route 72 between the Garden State Parkway and the Stafford Square Shopping Center, median widening, new barrier curbs, plus new traffic signals and roadway improvements at two Route 72 intersections - Roosevelt Boulevard and Doc Cramer Boulevard.

There will be a new culvert and a revised jug handle circling a water basin from Route 72 westbound to a relocated East Road (East Road is being moved approximately 200 feet east from its current location), two new storm water basins will be constructed further down on Route 72 westbound, and West Road will be relocated east from its current location between McDonalds and Mr. Tire to a new location between Element Restaurant and Starboard Plaza. Washington Road, located parallel to Route 72 will end at the new West Road.

Construction is expected to be completed in late 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 for construction updates and 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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