



NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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Route 35 southbound traffic to be shifted onto newly rebuilt portion of Bridge over Ashley Avenue on Saturday in Brielle Construction will continue in center work zone

(Trenton) - New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced a traffic shift on Route 35 as the Bridge over Ashley Avenue replacement project advances in Brielle, Monmouth County. **This work was previously scheduled for earlier this month but was delayed due to utility work.**

Beginning at 6 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, February 22, NJDOT's contractor Ritacco Construction, Inc., is scheduled to shift Route 35 southbound traffic from the left lane of the northbound side of the bridge to the right shoulder of the newly-reconstructed southbound side of the bridge to create a center work zone. One lane of northbound traffic will be maintained in the right shoulder on the northbound bridge. This configuration will remain in place through the end of the project, which is anticipated to be complete before Memorial Day.

Motorists should expect brief delays and slowdowns during the traffic shift and those planning to use Route 35 to travel to the Polar Bear Plunge this weekend in Seaside Heights may want to allow extra time for travel.

The \$6.8 million dollar federally-funded project is replacing the girders, deck, parapets, sidewalk, and other improvements to the superstructure, substructure, lighting, and approaches to the bridge. The project is designed in stages to minimize impacts to traffic.

Advance warning and 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 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](https://www.facebook.com/NJDOT).

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