



# NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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## **Route 18 southbound acceleration lane to be closed between CR615 and CR516 in Old Bridge Closure needed to install curbs and permanent sign structure**

**(Trenton)** - New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the closure of the acceleration lane beginning at the CR615/Main Street interchange onto Route 18 southbound and extending to CR516/Matawan Road in Old Bridge as the pavement rehabilitation project advances in Middlesex and Monmouth Counties. This work was originally scheduled for last week but was delayed due to weather.

Beginning at 9 p.m., Friday, April 10 until 7:00 a.m. the next day, NJDOT's contractor, Earle Asphalt, is scheduled to close the acceleration lane beginning at interchange CR615/Main Street onto Route 18 southbound and extending to CR516/Matawan Road for barrier installation. The ramps to CR527/Old Bridge-Englishtown Road and CR516/Matawan Road will remain open and at least two lanes of traffic will be maintained on Route 18 southbound at all times. The lane closure will remain in place for approximately three months to allow for curb work, guiderail and permanent sign structure installation.

The \$14.2 million federally-funded Route 18, South of Texas Road to Rues Lane, Pavement Improvement project is designed to improve safety and traffic flow by making improvements to six miles of deteriorated pavement and the installation of pedestrian safety devices. The project is expected to be completed in late fall 2020.

Variable message signs and detour signs are being utilized throughout the project limits to provide advance notification to motorists of all traffic pattern changes associated with the resurfacing project.

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) and on the [NJDOT Facebook page](#).

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