



# NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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## **Bloy Street Bridge over Route 22 to be closed Thursday night in Hillside, Union County as the bridge replacement project advances Traffic will be shifted to allow reconstruction of the west side of the bridge**

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the Bloy Street Bridge over Route 22 will be closed Thursday night in Hillside, Union County as the bridge replacement project advances.

Beginning at 9 p.m., tomorrow, Thursday, April 16, through 7 a.m. Friday, April 17, NJDOT's contractor, RenCor Inc., is scheduled to close and detour the Bloy Street Bridge to set up a work zone on the west side of the bridge. By Friday morning, traffic will be shifted to the eastern side of the bridge with one 11-foot lane maintained in each direction throughout construction.

This stage of the project includes the demolition and reconstruction of the west side of the bridge, as well as the reconstruction of the western retaining walls and portions of the western abutments. It also includes widening the Bloy Street and the Route 22 intersection. As construction progresses, occasional closures of the entrances and exits to Bloy Street and Route 22 may be necessary. The following detours will be in place on Thursday night.

### Rt 22 westbound to Bloy Street southbound detour:

- Motorists traveling on Route 22 westbound wishing to exit onto Bloy Street will be directed to continue on Bloy Street
- Turn right onto Hillside Avenue
- Turn right onto Hillside at the intersection with Chestnut Avenue
- Turn right onto Liberty Avenue
- Turn right onto Long Avenue
- Turn left onto Bloy Street

### Rt 22 eastbound to Bloy Street northbound detour:

- Motorists traveling on Route 22 eastbound wishing to exit onto Bloy Street northbound will be directed to turn left onto Long Avenue
- Turn left onto Liberty Avenue
- Turn left onto Hillside Avenue
- Turn left onto Hillside Avenue at the intersection with Chestnut Avenue
- Turn right onto Bloy Street

Bloy Street Bridge northbound detour:

- Motorists traveling north on Bloy Street wishing to cross over Route 22 north will be directed to turn right onto Long Avenue
- Turn left onto Liberty Avenue
- Turn left onto Hillside Avenue
- Turn left onto Hillside Avenue at the intersection with Chestnut Avenue
- Turn right onto Bloy Street

Bloy Street Bridge southbound detour:

- Motorists traveling south on Bloy Street wishing to cross over Route 22 will be directed to proceed to turn left onto Hillside Avenue
- Turn right onto Hillside Avenue at the intersection with Chestnut Avenue
- Turn right onto Liberty Avenue
- Turn right onto Long Avenue
- Turn left Bloy Street South

The Bloy Street Bridge over Route 22 project consists of four stages and will replace the overpass, which is in poor condition, and improve the turning movements on the Route 22 eastbound and westbound ramps to and from Bloy Street. The new bridge will meet current design and safety standards and improve the vertical under clearance over Route 22. The project also will widen the Route 22 eastbound and westbound lanes to and from Bloy Street as well as provide sidewalks and improve curb ramps to meet ADA standards. It is expected to be completed in the summer of 2023.

Variable messaging signs are being utilized to provide advance notification to the motoring public of all traffic pattern changes associated with the work. NJDOT will provide more information before any lane closures are scheduled.

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 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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