



NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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Route 1&9 northbound ramp to Paterson Plank Road closed and detoured this week as Route 495 bridge deck replacement advances **Closure for two days necessary for a concrete pour on Route 495 westbound**

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced that the Route 1&9 northbound ramp to Paterson Plank Road will be closed and detoured during the day tomorrow as the Route 495 bridge deck replacement project advances in North Bergen.

Beginning at 9 a.m. tomorrow, Thursday, August 6 until 3 p.m., NJDOT's contractor, IEW Construction Group, is scheduled to close and detour the Route 1&9 northbound ramp to Paterson Plank Road to remove equipment. Route 1&9 northbound travel lanes will not be effected. The following detour will be in place:

Route 1&9 northbound to Paterson Plank Road Detour

- Traffic on Route 1&9 northbound wishing to use the ramp to Paterson Plank Road will be directed to stay left prior to the ramp and get on Route 3 westbound
- Take the first exit for Route 495/Lincoln Tunnel
- Follow the ramp onto Route 495 eastbound
- Stay in the right lane and take the Columbia Avenue exit to Paterson Plank Road

Project Overview

The \$90.3 million state-funded project to rehabilitate the nine-span Route 495 viaduct includes repairs and reconstruction of the bridge deck, replacement and strengthening of deteriorated structural steel, and the repair and painting of the substructure. Construction began in September 2017 with work under the bridge and along the Paterson Plank Road/Union Turnpike corridor. The second phase of work began on the bridge in August 2018 with the closure of a single lane in each direction on Route 495. Traffic impacts associated with the second phase of construction on Route 495 are expected to last for about two and a half years while the entire bridge deck is replaced. Construction will be accomplished in stages to minimize the impact to motorists.

Community Outreach

NJDOT created a project-specific website – www.RestoreNJ495.com – which contains a wealth of information about the Route 495 Bridge rehabilitation, and will be updated with relevant new information as work progresses. The Department is carefully coordinating the Route 495 Bridge rehabilitation project with other regional transportation infrastructure projects to minimize traffic congestion.

The Department has a project hotline telephone number, 201.408.8495, and email, DOTOutreachRT495@dot.nj.gov. Anyone who has questions, concerns, or suggestions is encouraged to contact the Project Outreach Team as work progresses.

NJDOT will be using Variable Message Signs to provide advance notification to motorists of traffic pattern changes associated with the work. The precise timing of the work is subject to change due to weather or other factors.

Follow the project on Twitter [@RestoreNJ495](https://twitter.com/RestoreNJ495) and get real-time information on traffic conditions at www.511nj.org, where a widget will enable you to cut through all the other traffic information and focus in on the Route 495 area. For NJDOT news follow us on Twitter [@NJDOT_info](https://twitter.com/NJDOT_info) and our [Facebook page](#).

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