



NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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Route 15 southbound left lane reopened Wednesday night as bridge repairs continue in Jefferson Weldon/Espanong Road and ramps remain closed at Route 15

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the left lane on Route 15 southbound was reopened Wednesday night as emergency bridge repairs continue on the Weldon Road Bridge over Route 15 in Jefferson, Morris County.

At 8 p.m. last night, Wednesday, December 23, the left lane on Route 15 southbound was reopened following the completion of a temporary support structure under the Weldon Road Bridge over Route 15. The right lane on Route 15 southbound and the exit to Weldon Road eastbound remain closed. In addition, the bridge that carries Weldon Road west/Espanong Road east over Route 15, as well as the ramp from Weldon Road west to Route 15 south, remain closed. Route 15 northbound remains unaffected.

Route 15 southbound was closed on Sunday after NJDOT crews found cracks in two bridge beams. The Department's structural engineers are continuing to evaluate the Weldon Road Bridge over Route 15 to design a repair. The following detours will be in place until further notice:

Route 15 southbound to Weldon Road east detour:

- Motorists on Route 15 southbound wishing to exit at Weldon Road will be directed to continue on Route 15 south
- Go through the traffic signal at Edison Road and take the U-turn exit just past the fire station
- Bear right onto Edison Road
- Go straight to cross Route 15
- At the next traffic signal, turn left onto Route 15 north
- Take the Weldon Road exit

Route 15 northbound to Route 181 north/Espanong Road west detour:

- Motorists on Route 15 northbound wishing to take the exit for Route 181 north/Espanong Road west will be directed to continue on Route 15 north
- Take the exit for Route 181
- Stay right following signs for Sparta/Lake Mohawk/Business District
- Turn left onto Route 181 south/Woodport Road
- Turn right onto Espanong Road

Weldon Road West to Route 15 south detour

- Motorists on Weldon Road west wishing to take the ramp to Route 15 southbound will be directed to take the ramp for Route 15 north, which is before the ramp to Route 15 south
- Take Route 15 north to the next exit for Route 181/Sparta/Lake Mohawk/Business District
- Stay right following signs for Sparta/Lake Mohawk/Business District
- Turn left onto Route 181 south/Woodport Road
- Turn right onto Espanong Road
- Turn left onto Edison Road/CR615
- Take the ramp to Route 15 south

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