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Route 495 westbound ramp to Route 1&9 southbound to reopen Thursday morning as bridge deck replacement nears completion Route 495 westbound lane closures necessary tonight

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the newly reconstructed Route 495 westbound ramp to Route 1&9 southbound is scheduled to reopen Thursday morning as the bridge deck replacement project nears completion in North Bergen. In order to reopen the ramp, there will be lane closures on Route 495 westbound tonight.

Beginning at 10 p.m. tonight, Wednesday, May 19, NJDOT's contractor, IEW Construction Group, is scheduled to close the two right lanes on Route 495 westbound in order to remove barrier, restripe the ramp, and install a crash cushion in preparation for reopening the ramp to Route 1&9 southbound. At least one lane will be maintained in the westbound direction at all times.

By 5 a.m. tomorrow, Thursday, May 20, the newly reconstructed ramp from Route 495 westbound to Route 1&9 southbound will reopen.

In addition, the 31st Street ramp from Kennedy Boulevard will be closed and detoured from 10 p.m. tonight, Wednesday, May 19 until 5 a.m. tomorrow, Thursday, May 20. The following detours will be in place:

31st Street ramp from Kennedy Boulevard to Paterson Plank Road/Route 1&9 north detour:

- Traffic wishing to utilize the 31st Street ramp to Route 495 westbound or to Paterson Plank Road and Route 1&9 north will be directed to take Kennedy Boulevard to 32nd Street/Bergen Turnpike
- Turn left onto 32nd Street/Bergen Turnpike
- Turn left onto Union Turnpike
- Turn right onto Route 1&9 north or
- Stay straight and Union Turnpike becomes Paterson Plank Road

Project Overview

The \$95 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 and this portion is expected to be completed in the spring of 2021. 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 [@NewJerseyDOT](https://twitter.com/NewJerseyDOT) and our [Facebook page](#).

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