



NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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Route 495 eastbound all lanes to reopen Friday as bridge deck replacement nears completion in North Bergen Overnight lane and ramp closures necessary this week

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the reopening of all Route 495 eastbound lanes on Friday, May 28 as the bridge deck replacement project nears completion in North Bergen. In order to reopen all eastbound lanes, there will be a series of overnight lane and ramp closures this week, beginning tonight.

Monday, May 24 and Wednesday, May 26

Beginning at 10 p.m. tonight, Monday, May 24, until 6 a.m. tomorrow, and again at 10 p.m. Wednesday, May 26, until 6 a.m. Thursday, May 27, NJDOT's contractor, IEW Construction Group, is scheduled to close the two left lanes on Route 495 eastbound and the ramp from Route 3 eastbound express lanes to Route 495 eastbound for paving work. At least one lane will be maintained in the eastbound direction at all times. The following detour will be in place for Route 3 eastbound traffic:

Route 3 eastbound ramp to Route 495 eastbound

- Motorists on Route 3 eastbound will be directed to the Route 3 eastbound service road toward Route 1&9/Jersey City
- Stay right and take the exit to Route 495 eastbound

Tuesday, May 25 and Thursday, May 27

Beginning at 10 p.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, May 25, until 6 a.m. Wednesday, May 26, again at 10 p.m. Thursday, May 27, until 6 a.m. Friday, May 28 the two right two lanes on Route 495 eastbound will be closed. **By 6 a.m. Friday, May 28 all four lanes on Route 495 eastbound will be reopened.**

In addition, the 31st Street ramp from Kennedy Boulevard to Route 495 westbound will be closed and detoured on Tuesday from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. Wednesday. The following detour 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 Paterson Plank Road or 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

Stage 11 configuration

Currently, Route 495 eastbound has three lanes of traffic shifted onto the completed right lanes and a work zone in the far left lane. By Friday morning, all four eastbound lanes will be open. All four lanes of Route 495 westbound reopened on Saturday, May 8.

The ramp from Route 495 westbound to Route 1&9 northbound/Paterson Plank Road will remain closed. It is expected to be reopened in the next few weeks. The following detour will remain in place:

Route 495 westbound ramp to Route 1&9 northbound/Paterson Plank Road detour:

- Route 495 westbound traffic wishing to take the ramp to Route 1&9 north/Paterson Plank Road will be directed to stay right for Route 3 westbound Local toward Secaucus
- Take the North Bergen exit to Paterson Plank Road
- Turn left onto Route 1&9 north

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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