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Central Avenue Bridge over Route 139 to reopen before tomorrow morning's commute in Jersey City

St. Paul's Avenue to close between JFK Boulevard and Route 139 on Monday

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the reconstructed Central Avenue Bridge over Route 139 in Jersey City is scheduled to reopen Friday morning before rush hour as the Pulaski Skyway Contract 2 advances.

The Central Avenue Bridge, which was closed in mid-January, was completed ahead of schedule and is the fourth of five bridges that cross Route 139 that are being replaced as part of the Pulaski Skyway Contract 2. The Palisade Avenue, Baldwin Avenue, and Oakland Avenue bridges have already been reconstructed, and the Summit Avenue Bridge is scheduled to close next weekend to begin replacement work.

St. Paul's Avenue Closure

Beginning at 9 p.m. Monday, May 8, through late fall, NJDOT's contractor, Schiavone Construction, will close St. Paul's Avenue between JFK Boulevard and Route 139 eastbound upper roadway for the reconstruction of St. Paul's Avenue Bridge between Bevan Street and Route 139 eastbound upper level. Local access will be maintained on St. Paul's Avenue up to Bevan Street for residents of the apartment complex. Local police will be on site to assist with the detour.

As part of this phase of construction, the Bevan Street Bridge over Route 139, which was closed in March, was demolished. Bevan Street will become a dead end on either side of Route 139. Next week, the St. Paul's Avenue section of the bridge will start to be demolished.

The following detour will be in place:

- Motorists on St. Paul's Avenue will be directed to JFK Boulevard southbound to Newark Avenue eastbound

This work is part of the [\\$104 million Pulaski Contract 2](#), which will repair and improve the upper and lower levels of Route 139. Route 139 links the eastern end of the Pulaski Skyway to the Jersey City waterfront. During this contract, the deck on Route 139 upper level eastbound will be replaced, along with five cross street bridges from Palisade Avenue to Kennedy Boulevard.

Contract 2 is part of the \$1 billion Pulaski Skyway rehabilitation project, which is being advanced through 10 separate construction contracts into the year 2020. The massive improvement project will extend the life of the Skyway by 75 years.

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

The Department has a project hotline telephone number, 973-776-7400, and email, Pulaski.Skyway@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. Follow us on Twitter [@Skywayrehab](https://twitter.com/Skywayrehab) and visit www.511nj.org for real-time travel advisories.

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