



# NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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## **Raymond Avenue ramps in Newark reopened as part restoring northbound traffic to Pulaski Skyway Route 1&9 Truck ramp returned to original configuration**

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the reopening of several ramps in Newark that had been closed or reconfigured while the Pulaski Skyway northbound lanes were closed for rehabilitation.

With the return of two-way traffic on the Pulaski Skyway on June 30, the following ramps in Newark were reopened today:

- Raymond Boulevard ramp to the New Jersey Turnpike at Exit 15E
- Raymond Boulevard ramp to Doremus Avenue

Earlier in the week the exit ramp from Route 1&9 northbound to Route 1&9 Truck was returned to its original configuration with the left lane dedicated for traffic heading to Route 1&9 Truck and the right lane dedicated to traffic heading to the New Jersey Turnpike at Exit 15E.

The ramp closures were part of Contracts 3 and 4, which replaced the deck on the Pulaski Skyway in both directions. The \$1 billion rehabilitation of the Skyway is being advanced through 11 separate construction contracts and is expected to be completed in 2024. Three contracts are now complete, three are under construction, one is expected to be awarded this summer, and four more are in final design. Contract 1, which removed the concrete encasement around steel beams on the eastern end of the Skyway, and Contracts 3 and 4, which replaced the deck are essentially complete.

Contract 2, the rehabilitation of Route 139 upper and lower levels, which included the reconstruction of five bridges over the lower roadway, is nearing completion. Contract 5 will replace the Kearny ramp and is under construction, as is Contract 7, which replaces the Newark ramp, makes repairs to steel and substructure on either end of the Skyway, and resurfaces a portion of Route 1&9 in Newark. The other contracts will make repairs to the piers and structural steel of all truss members, replace the rocker bents, which are pieces of the superstructure that provide the flexibility for the bridge, and repaint the structure.

### **Community Outreach**

NJDOT created a project-specific website - [www.pulaskiskyway.com](http://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](mailto: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. The precise timing of the work is subject to change due to weather or other factors. Motorists are encouraged to check NJDOT's traffic information website [www.511nj.org](http://www.511nj.org) for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter [@NJDOT\\_info](https://twitter.com/NJDOT_info) or on the [NJDOT Facebook page](#).

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