



# NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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## **Route 495 eastbound traffic to be shifted this weekend as bridge deck replacement advances**

**Route 3 eastbound traffic will be a single lane cattle chute through the work zone**

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced Route 495 eastbound traffic will be shifted onto the newly completed right two lanes on Friday, June 28 as the bridge deck replacement project moves into a new phase in North Bergen.

During this next phase of construction, a center work zone will be established to reconstruct the left two eastbound lanes. Traffic coming from Route 3 eastbound will be in a single-lane cattle chute and will not have access to the Columbia Avenue exit ramp to

Motorists on Route 3 Express that wish to exit onto Kennedy Blvd must keep right and follow Route 3 to Route 495 East Exit

Columbia Avenue exit ramp to Paterson Plank Road will be closed and detoured beginning tomorrow for several weeks as the Route 495 Bridge over Route 1&9 and Paterson Plank Road project advances in North Bergen.

In addition to the ramp closure, one lane of Route 495 eastbound will be closed overnight on Wednesday to pour concrete.

### **Columbia Avenue exit ramp to Paterson Plank Road closure**

Between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m, tomorrow, Tuesday, February 26, NJDOT's contractor, IEW Corp, is scheduled to install concrete barrier to close the Columbia Avenue exit ramp to Paterson Plank Road. No lane closures are necessary for the installation of the barrier, however, there will be periodic temporary stopping of Route 495 eastbound traffic for a few minutes during that two-hour time period.

Motorists are advised to expect delays while the barrier is being installed. The exit ramp will be closed and detoured for several weeks. Access from Columbia Avenue to the 30<sup>th</sup> Street ramp to Kennedy Boulevard will be maintained. The following detour will be in place:

### **Columbia Avenue Exit to Paterson Plank Road**

- Motorists on Route 495 eastbound will be directed to continue on the 30<sup>th</sup> Street ramp to Kennedy Boulevard
- Turn left on Kennedy Boulevard
- Turn left onto Bergen Turnpike
- Turn left on Union Turnpike
- Turn left on Liberty Avenue
- Stay straight to continue on Paterson Plank Road

### **Route 495 eastbound lane closure Wednesday night**

Beginning at 9 p.m. Wednesday, February 27, until 5 a.m. the next day, NJDOT's contractor, IEW Corp, is scheduled to close one lane of Route 495 eastbound to pour the concrete deck. Two lanes will be maintained.

The \$90.3 million state-funded project began in September 2017. The project to rehabilitate the nine-span 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 will be accomplished in stages by first making improvements to local streets in the surrounding areas that will need to handle some of the diverted traffic during bridge construction.

### **Community Outreach**

NJDOT created a project-specific website – [www.RestoreNJ495.com](http://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](mailto: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](http://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 [@NJDOT\\_info](https://twitter.com/NJDOT_info) and our [Facebook page](#).

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