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Route 495 westbound ramps to Route 1&9 closed and detoured as new stage begins Friday night as bridge deck replacement advances 31st Street ramp traffic will be directed onto Route 3 westbound

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the Route 495 westbound ramps to Route 1&9 southbound and the 31st Street ramp from Kennedy Boulevard to Paterson Plank Road/Route 1&9 northbound will be closed starting this weekend as the Route 495 bridge deck replacement project moves into a new stage in North Bergen.

Beginning at 9 p.m. Friday, October 11 until 7 a.m. Saturday, October 12, NJDOT's contractor, IEW Construction Group, is scheduled to close the left lane of Route 495 eastbound. At 11 p.m. Friday, October 11 until 7 a.m. Saturday, October 12, up to two lanes of Route 495 westbound will be closed. These closures will allow for the repaving and restriping of the roadway and installation of concrete barriers to implement a traffic shift. Two lanes will be maintained in the eastbound direction and at least one lane will be maintained in the westbound direction.

During this closure, from 1 a.m. to 7 a.m. the Route 495 westbound ramp to the New Jersey Turnpike will be closed with the following detour:

Route 495 westbound to New Jersey Turnpike Detour

(1 a.m. to 5 a.m. Saturday, October 12)

- Route 495 traffic wishing to take the New Jersey Turnpike will be directed to stay right for Route 3 westbound Local toward Secaucus
- Take the Secaucus exit to Paterson Plank Road
- Cross over Route 3 and take the ramp to Route 3 eastbound
- Stay right and follow signs to the NJ Turnpike

31st Street Ramp from Kennedy Boulevard Overnight Closures

Beginning at 11 p.m. Saturday, October 12 until 8 a.m. Sunday, October 13, NJDOT's contractor, IEW Construction Group, is scheduled to close one lane of Route 495 westbound, and the 31st Street ramp from Kennedy Boulevard to Paterson Plank Road/Route 1&9 northbound to restripe the roadway and install concrete barriers to close the ramp to Paterson Plank Road/Route 1&9 northbound.

The 31st Street ramp from Kennedy Boulevard may also be closed and detoured overnight between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. this week and next. Route 495 eastbound will not be affected. The following detour for the 31st Street ramp will be in place Saturday night:

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

(11 p.m. Saturday, October 12 until 8 a.m. Sunday, October 13)

- 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 7 Traffic Shift and Ramp Closures

By 5 a.m. Saturday, Route 495 westbound will have traffic shifted to the left, and the ramps from Route 495 westbound to Route 1&9 south will be closed for the next several months. By 8 a.m. Sunday, the 31st Street ramp from Kennedy Boulevard to Paterson Plank Road/Route 1&9 northbound will be closed and detoured to begin Stage 7.

Traffic using the 31st Street ramp will be directed into a single-lane cattle chute across Route 495 to Route 3 westbound to allow for the reconstruction of the ramp to Paterson Plank Road/Route 1&9 northbound. NJ TRANSIT Bus service access to Route 495 westbound will be maintained from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m., however all buses to Route 3 also may take the single-lane cattle chute directly to Route 3.

Three lanes will be maintained on Route 495 westbound during this stage and will split into two lanes going to the right to Route 3 westbound and two lanes going to the left to the New Jersey Turnpike. Route 495 eastbound will not be affected and will continue to have three lanes of traffic. This stage is expected to be completed in the spring 2020. The following detours will be in place ([see attached maps](#)):

Route 495 westbound ramp to Route 1&9 southbound detour:

- Traffic wishing to take the ramp to Route 1&9 south will be directed to stay right for Route 3 westbound Local toward Secaucus
- Take the Secaucus exit to Paterson Plank Road
- Cross over Route 3 and take the ramp to Route 3 eastbound
- Stay left and follow signs to Route 1&9 south

Route 495 westbound ramp to Route 1&9 northbound detour:

- Traffic wishing to take the ramp to Route 1&9 north 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 \$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 – 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 [@NJDOT_info](https://twitter.com/NJDOT_info) and our [Facebook page](#).

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