



# NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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## **31<sup>st</sup> Street ramp to Paterson Plank Road/Route 1&9 northbound to reopen as Stage 8 of the Route 495 bridge deck replacement begins 31<sup>st</sup> Street ramp traffic to Route 495 & Route 3 will be detoured**

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the 31<sup>st</sup> Street ramp from Kennedy Boulevard to Paterson Plank Road/Route 1&9 northbound will be reopened starting this weekend and access from the ramp onto Route 495 westbound will be restricted as the Route 495 bridge deck replacement project moves into Stage 8 in North Bergen.

Beginning at 11 p.m. tonight, Thursday, March 5 until 5 a.m. tomorrow, and again from 11 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, March 6 until 7 a.m. Saturday, March 7, NJDOT's contractor, IEW Construction Group, is scheduled to close the 31<sup>st</sup> Street ramp from Kennedy Boulevard to Route 495 westbound to restripe the roadway and relocate concrete barriers to shift traffic from the 31<sup>st</sup> Street ramp onto the newly reconstructed ramp to Paterson Plank Road/Route 1&9 northbound.

All lanes on Route 495 eastbound will be maintained overnight and at least two lanes will be maintained on Route 495 westbound. In case of inclement weather on Friday, this work will be postponed until Saturday, March 7 into Sunday, March 8. The following detour for the 31<sup>st</sup> Street ramp will be in place Thursday and Friday nights (weather permitting):

**31<sup>st</sup> Street ramp from Kennedy Boulevard to Paterson Plank Road/Route 1&9 north detour:**  
(11 p.m. Thursday, March 5 until 5 a.m. Friday, and 11 p.m. Friday, March 6 until 7 a.m. Saturday, March 7)

- Traffic wishing to utilize the 31<sup>st</sup> Street ramp to Paterson Plank Road or Route 1&9 north will be directed to take Kennedy Boulevard to 32<sup>nd</sup> Street/Bergen Turnpike
- Turn left onto 32<sup>nd</sup> 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

By 7 a.m. Saturday, when the 31<sup>st</sup> Street ramp from Kennedy Boulevard reopens, all traffic using the ramp will be directed to the newly reconstructed Paterson Plank Road/Route 1&9 northbound ramp. There will be no access from the 31<sup>st</sup> Street ramp to Route 495 westbound. Traffic will be detoured onto Paterson Plank Road, as it was in earlier stages.

NJ TRANSIT buses only will be allowed to access Route 495 westbound from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday to minimize the delays to NJ Transit customers. Motorists using the ramp will be directed to the following detours:

**31<sup>st</sup> Street ramp to the New Jersey Turnpike**

- Continue on 31<sup>st</sup> Street Ramp which becomes Paterson Plank Road
- At the first light, turn left to continue on Paterson Plank Road

- For New Jersey Turnpike **western extension**,
- Stay right and take the on ramp to Route 3 westbound.
- Continue on Route 3 to the New Jersey Turnpike.
  
- For New Jersey Turnpike **South**
- Keep left and continue on Paterson Plank Road over Route 3 and past the next light to the ramp to New Jersey Turnpike **eastern extension south** only.
  
- An alternate route to New Jersey Turnpike **eastern extension north**
- Stay left on Paterson Plank Road and go over the Route 3 overpass, and take a right onto the first ramp to the Route 3 Service Road. Continue on the Service Road to the New Jersey Turnpike Ramp.

**31<sup>st</sup> Street ramp to Route 3 westbound**

- Continue on 31<sup>st</sup> Street which becomes Paterson Plank Road
- At the first light, turn left to continue on Paterson Plank Road
- Keep right to enter Route 3 westbound

**31<sup>st</sup> Street ramp to Route 1&9 southbound**

- Continue on 31<sup>st</sup> Street which becomes Paterson Plank Road
- At the first light, turn left to continue on Paterson Plank Road
- Stay left and turn left at the light onto the ramp to 1&9 southbound

**Stage 8**

During Stage 8, three lanes of Route 495 westbound will remain shifted to the left, and the ramps from Route 495 westbound to Route 1&9 south and north will remain closed to allow steel repairs and deck replacement of the Route 495 westbound right lane and Route 1&9 southbound ramp. Route 495 eastbound will not be affected and will continue to have three lanes of traffic. This stage is expected to be completed in late summer 2020. The following detours will be in place: Click [here](#) to download the Stage 8 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
- Stay left on Paterson Plank Road
- Turn left at the fourth light 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](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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