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West Side Avenue closed under rail bridge as Route 1&9 Truck/New Road Contract 2 begins in Jersey City Access will be maintained for local businesses

(Trenton) – West Side Avenue in Jersey City is being closed today underneath the NJ TRANSIT rail bridge between Van Keuren Avenue and St. Paul’s Avenue as the Route 1&9 Truck/New Road project Contract 2 begins.

Today, Friday, September 22, West Side Avenue is being closed permanently from Van Kueren Avenue to just past the NJ TRANSIT rail bridge. The closure is necessary to replace and relocate the two NJ TRANSIT bridges currently over West Side Avenue to over the new Route 1&9 Truck New Road. Access will for West Side Avenue residents and businesses be maintained from St. Paul’s Avenue. The following detours will be in place:

West Side Avenue northbound detour:

- Traffic on St. Paul’s Avenue wishing to take West Side Avenue northbound to Van Kueren Avenue will be directed to use James Avenue
- Turn right on Van Kueren Avenue

West Side Avenue southbound detour:

- Traffic on Van Kueren Avenue wishing to take West Side Avenue southbound will be directed to use James Avenue to St. Paul’s Avenue

The work is part of the \$76.7 million Route 1&9 Truck/New Road Contract 2. The New Road project will construct a two-lane, two-mile-long roadway on a new alignment from St. Paul’s Avenue north to Secaucus Road/CR 678 in Jersey City. It is being built in three segments under three separate contracts.

New Road is intended to facilitate freight movement from Newark and Elizabeth Ports to intermodal rail facilities, distribution centers, and other major regional highways, as well as to improve access to and from trucking distribution facilities along Doremus Avenue and the New Jersey Turnpike. Traffic congestion on Route 1&9/Tonnele Avenue will be reduced by shifting the majority of the through truck traffic onto New Road.

Contract 2 will construct a new two-lane roadway with shoulders from Saint Paul’s Avenue to Van Keuren Avenue. New Road will run under the two NJ TRANSIT bridges. The NJ TRANSIT Morristown Line Bridge and the NJ TRANSIT Wye Track Bridge will be reconstructed as part of this contract, which is expected to take approximately four years.

This \$70 million Contract 1 constructed a mile long two-lane roadway from County Road north to Secaucus Road on a route that parallels the existing New York, Susquehanna & Western (NYS&W) Railway corridor. Contract 1 was completed at the end of 2022.

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 for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter [@NewJerseyDOT](https://twitter.com/NewJerseyDOT) or on the [NJDOT Facebook page](#).

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