



NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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I-280 westbound lane and ramp closures begin tonight as bridge deck replacement project starts in Newark 8th Ave/Clifton Ave ramp to I-280 westbound to be closed during project

(Trenton) – I-280 westbound is scheduled to have lane and ramp closures beginning tonight as a bridge deck replacement project starts in Newark, Essex County. In addition, the ramp from 8th Avenue/Clifton Avenue onto I-280 westbound will be closed and detoured beginning tonight and will remain in place for the duration of the project. This work was originally scheduled for September 8, but was postponed due to weather.

Beginning at 11 p.m. tonight, Wednesday, September 27 until 6 a.m. Thursday, September 28, the right lane on I-280 westbound is scheduled to be closed near the Clifton Avenue overpass. The acceleration lane from the 8th Avenue/Clifton Avenue ramp onto I-280 westbound and the deceleration lane for Exit 13/Orange Street/6th Street also will be closed during the same time Friday night. At least one lane will be maintained on I-280 westbound and Exit 13 will remain open.

In addition, the ramp from 8th Avenue/Clifton Avenue onto I-280 westbound will be closed starting at 11 p.m. tonight and detoured until fall 2025, when the project is expected to complete. The following detour will be in place for the duration of the project:

8th Avenue/Clifton Avenue ramp to I-280 westbound detour:

- Motorists wishing to take the ramp from 8th Avenue/Clifton Avenue to I-280 westbound will be directed to take Clifton Avenue southbound
- Turn right onto Orange Street
- Go under I-280
- Turn left to take the ramps for I-280 westbound at First Street and Second Street

The closures are necessary to install construction barrier on the right side of the roadway to create a work zone to remove the parapet and to restripe the roadway. By 6 a.m. Thursday, September 28, two 11-foot-wide lanes on I-280 westbound will reopen and the acceleration/deceleration lane will remain closed. This configuration will be in place through spring 2024.

The \$31.7 million federally-funded project will replace the I-280 westbound bridge decks on the 10-span viaduct that goes over the NJ TRANSIT tracks, Orange Street and 1st Street in Newark, Essex County. The project includes substructure repairs, replacing bearings, repairing structural steel, and repainting portions of the bridge. In addition, the existing retaining wall on the ramp from 1st Street to I-280 westbound will be replaced to allow for three through lanes on I-280 westbound beyond the bridge. Two new overhead sign

structures also will be installed over I-280. The project was designed to advance in stages to minimize impact on motorists. Construction is expected to be completed by fall 2025.

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

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