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Washington Road Bridge over D&R Canal to be closed starting next week in Princeton and West Windsor, Mercer County Closure and detour required to install permanent bridge bearings

(Trenton) – The Washington Road Bridge over the D&R Canal is scheduled to be closed and detoured starting next week as the bridge replacement project continues in Princeton and West Windsor, Mercer County.

Beginning at 6 a.m. Tuesday, January 2, the Washington Road Bridge over the D&R Canal will be closed between Nursery Road and Faculty Road. Local access will be maintained between Route 1 and Nursery Road. The closure is necessary to replace the temporary bridge bearings installed earlier this year with permanent bearings. The bridge was closed in late July for the work and reopened in late October. Work is expected to be complete by Saturday, January 13, 2024. The following detours will be in place:

Washington Road southbound detour:

- Motorists wishing to travel southbound on Washington Road will be directed to turn left on Faculty Road
- Turn right onto South Harrison Street/Lower Harrison Street
- Turn right onto Route 1 southbound to Trenton
- Stay right on Route 1 southbound to take the "All Turns" lane to CR 571/Hightstown/Princeton back to Washington Road

Or

- From Route 27/Nassau Street, turn right onto Harrison Street
- Turn right onto Route 1 southbound
- Stay right on Route 1 southbound to take the "All Turns" lane to CR 571/Hightstown/Princeton back to Washington Road

Washington Road northbound detour:

- Motorists on Washington Road northbound before the Route 1 intersection wishing to cross the Washington Road Bridge over the D&R Canal will be directed to turn right onto Route 1 northbound
- Stay right to take the Harrison Street exit
- Turn left on Harrison Street
- Cross Route 1 and continue on Harrison Street westbound to Princeton
- Turn left onto Route 27/Nassau Street southbound back to Washington Road

Or

- Motorists on Washington Road northbound before the Route 1 intersection wishing to cross the Washington Road Bridge over the D&R Canal will be directed to turn left onto Route 1 southbound
- Take the ramp to Alexander Road westbound to Princeton
- Continue on Alexander Road and turn right onto University Place
- Turn right onto Route 27/Nassau Street northbound back to Washington Road

Route 1 to Washington Road northbound detour:

Motorists traveling on Route 1 northbound or southbound wishing to travel into Princeton using Washington Street northbound will be directed to use Alexander Road/Alexander Street or South Harrison Street/Lower Harrison Street.

Pedestrian Access

Access to the D&R Canal towpath will be maintained for pedestrians and cyclists on Washington Road southbound, crossing the Washington Road Bridge over Lake Carnegie. Barriers will be in place to direct pedestrians and cyclists to the towpath a safe distance away from the active construction zone.

Pedestrians and cyclists on Washington Road northbound will not be able to access the D&R Canal towpath. Instead, they can use crossings at Alexander Street and Harrison Street.

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 X (Twitter) [@NewJerseyDOT](https://twitter.com/NewJerseyDOT) or on the [NJDOT Facebook page](#).

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