



# NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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## **Pulaski Skyway full closure in both directions on Monday night Motorists encouraged to use the New Jersey Turnpike Extension**

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the full closure of the Pulaski Skyway in both directions on Monday night to install new bearings as the rehabilitation of the historic 88-year-old bridge advances.

To avoid delays, NJDOT is encouraging motorists to use the NJ Turnpike-Hudson County Extension to all destinations, including the Holland Tunnel, I-78, or to I-280/Route 7 and Route 1&9 Truck southbound. All other motorists will be directed to Route 1&9 Truck in both directions.

Beginning at 8 p.m. Monday, November 23 until 6 a.m. Tuesday, November 24, NJDOT's contractor, Cornell & Company Inc., is scheduled to close and detour the Pulaski Skyway in both directions to jack the Skyway to install new bearings west of Raymond Boulevard in Newark. If work is completed early, the Skyway will reopen sooner.

### **Northbound Closure and Detour**

The northbound closure will begin past Newark Liberty International Airport with the Route 1&9 Express Lanes being closed at 8 p.m. Monday with all traffic directed onto the Local Lanes. Traffic will follow Route 1&9 Truck northbound to the intersection of Route 7, Route 139, and Route 1&9 in Jersey City.

Northbound motorists heading to Hoboken, Jersey City or New York City also may use the New Jersey Turnpike-Hudson County Extension.

### **Southbound Closure and Detour**

The southbound closure will begin at 8 p.m. south of the Tonnele Circle, with the ramp from the Tonnele Circle to the Skyway closed. Traffic coming from Route 139 will be directed to the off ramp to I-280/Route 7 and Route 1&9 southbound.

Traffic on Route 1&9 south heading toward Tonnele Circle is encouraged to stay right and use the ramp to Route 1&9 Truck.

### **Southbound Detour (toward Newark):**

Leaving the Holland Tunnel, motorists will have the following options:

- Stay to the far right and take the NJ Turnpike-Hudson County Extension to all destinations west and south, including I-78 – ***This is the recommended option.***
- Stay to the left and follow signs for Route 139 West, then stay left to Route 1&9 Truck southbound towards Newark, Route 7 and I-280.

Local Traffic for Jersey City:

- Stay to the middle to take Route 139 Upper Roadway and follow signs to Kennedy Boulevard/Jersey City, to best access many local Jersey City locations and other points north (Secaucus).

The rocker bearing work is part of Contract 8A of the Pulaski Skyway rehabilitation project, which is being advanced through 11 separate construction contracts. The Department is carefully coordinating the Pulaski Skyway project with other regional transportation infrastructure projects to minimize traffic congestion.

The Department has a project hotline telephone number, 973-776-7400, and email, [Pulaski.Skyway@dot.nj.gov](mailto:Pulaski.Skyway@dot.nj.gov). Anyone who has questions, concerns, or suggestions is encouraged to contact the Project Outreach Team as work progresses.

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](http://www.511nj.org) for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter [@NJDOT\\_info](https://twitter.com/NJDOT_info) or on the [NJDOT Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/NJDOT).

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