



# NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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## **Route 1 & 9 express lanes to be closed this weekend for construction in Newark**

**Southbound traffic to be shifted to local lanes during construction**

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced a closure of the Route 1 & 9 southbound express lanes in Newark coming off the Pulaski Skyway as the rehabilitation of the historic 85-year-old bridge advances.

Beginning at 10 p.m. tonight, Friday, June 22 until 5 a.m. Monday, June 25, NJDOT's contractor, Union Paving, is scheduled to shift Route 1 & 9 southbound express traffic onto the local lanes using existing crossover ramps in Newark for concrete repairs and inlet cleaning. The closure affects the southbound express lanes before the I-78 interchange and just past Foundry Street. The lane shifts will not affect the Skyway.

This work is part of the \$80.8 million Pulaski Skyway Contract 7, which began this winter to rehabilitate the Route 1 & 9 southbound Newark exit ramp and other structural elements around the piers on the north and south ends of the Pulaski Skyway. Other project improvements include lighting upgrades, steel repair, and the installation of a guiderail along the Newark ramp. Contract 7 is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2019.

NJDOT created a project-specific website - [www.pulaskiskyway.com](http://www.pulaskiskyway.com) - which contains a wealth of information about the Skyway and the project, and will be updated with relevant new information as work progresses. 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.

NJDOT will be using Variable Message Signs to provide advance notification to motorists of traffic pattern changes associated with the work. Follow us on Twitter @Skywayrehab and visit [www.511nj.org](http://www.511nj.org) for travel advisories. For NJDOT news follow us on Twitter [@NJDOT\\_info](https://twitter.com/NJDOT_info) and on the [NJDOT Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/njdot).

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