



NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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Route 18 lane closures in both directions required tonight as paving project advances in East Brunswick, Middlesex County At least one lane of traffic will be maintained overnight

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced that two lanes will be closed on Route 18 in both directions tonight as pavement project advances in East Brunswick, Middlesex County.

Route 18 northbound from Rues Lane to Racetrack Road

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Friday, August 18, until 7 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, August 19, NJDOT's contractor, Earle Asphalt, is scheduled to close the right and center lanes on Route 18 northbound from Rues Lane until just before the ramp to Racetrack Road.

Route 18 southbound from Kendall Road to Rues Lane

In addition, the right and center lanes on Route 18 southbound between Kendall Road and Rues Lane are scheduled to be closed tonight, during the same times.

The lane closures in both directions are necessary to place barrels and set up a work zone in the right lanes. At least one lane of traffic will be maintained overnight in both directions. Motorists are advised to slow down, use caution, and expect delays.

By 7 a.m. Saturday, August 19, the center lane will be reopened, and the right lane will remain closed, in both directions. The closures are expected to remain in place until early 2024 and is necessary for drainage installation, as well as sidewalk and curb repairs. Access to local businesses will be maintained during business hours, and access to side streets will be maintained during construction. If it is necessary to temporarily close a side street or ramp overnight, motorists should follow the signed detour.

This work is part of the \$86.1 million federally funded Route 18, East Brunswick, Drainage and Pavement Rehabilitation project that will make repairs on approximately four and a half miles of Route 18 in East Brunswick, Middlesex County. Work includes milling and paving, improvements to the drainage systems and storm water basins, utility relocation, installation of new sidewalks and ADA-compliant curb ramps and upgrading guiderail. Improvements will also be made to various intersections throughout the project limits. The project is expected to be completed in fall 2026.

Variable messaging signs are being utilized to provide advance notification to the motoring public of all 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 construction updates and 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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