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## Route 139 Upper Level lane closures this week for pedestrian safety improvements in Jersey City Closures needed to restripe crosswalks and install signs

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced daytime lane closures on Route 139 Upper Level in both directions this week for pedestrian safety improvements in Jersey City.

Beginning at 7 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, January 30 until 2:30 p.m., and continuing weekdays during the same time for approximately five days, a single lane on Route 139 Upper Level will be closed between Palisade Avenue and Summit Avenue in Jersey City. Work will begin in the westbound direction with a right lane closure. As the work progresses, the right lane will be reopened, and the left lane will be closed. Once work is completed in the westbound direction, the project will move to the eastbound direction. Access to turn onto the cross streets will be maintained throughout the project. There may be some temporary short-term stoppages of traffic crossing Route 139 for less than 10 minutes as the work takes place.

The closures are necessary to implement interim pedestrian safety improvements including restriping crosswalks with high-visibility zebra stripes and installing new signs at the five signalized intersections on Route 139 Upper Level including Palisade Avenue, Baldwin Avenue, Oakland Avenue, Central Avenue and Summit Avenue. There will be "No Turn on Red" signs at all corners, pictorial "Stop for Pedestrian" signs at most corners, and the Oakland Avenue northbound ramp will be changed from a yield to a stop. Permanent pedestrian safety improvements are expected to be completed later this year.

The work is part of Contract 8B of the Pulaski Skyway rehabilitation project, which is being advanced through multiple 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, <a href="mailto:Pulaski.Skyway@dot.nj.gov">Pulaski.Skyway@dot.nj.gov</a>. 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 <a href="https://www.511nj.org">www.511nj.org</a> for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on X (Twitter) <a href="https://www.septoncommons.org/">@NewJerseyDOT</a> or on the <a href="https://www.septoncommons.org/">NJDOT Facebook page</a>.