



NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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Route 18 southbound closed and detoured tomorrow night at Racetrack Road in East Brunswick, Middlesex County Route 18 southbound lane closures from Icker Avenue to Hope Street

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced that Route 18 southbound is scheduled to be closed and detoured Friday night at Racetrack Road as a pavement project advances in East Brunswick, Middlesex County. This is a continuation of work that began on January 17 but was postponed due to inclement weather. In addition, two lanes are scheduled to be closed on Route 18 southbound between Icker Avenue and Hope Street tomorrow night.

Beginning at 11 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, February 2, until 6 a.m. Saturday, February 3, Route 18 southbound is scheduled to be closed from Racetrack Road to Rues Lane. The closure is necessary to repair the water main. The following detour will be in place:

Route 18 southbound:

- Motorists on Route 18 southbound will be directed to take the exit ramp for Racetrack Road and turn right
- Turn left onto Summerhill Road/CR 613 southbound
- Turn left onto Rues Lane/CR 617 eastbound, back to Route 18

In addition, beginning at 8 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, February 2, until 6 a.m., Saturday, February 3, the right and center lanes are scheduled to be closed on Route 18 southbound from Icker Avenue to Hope Street. The lane closures are necessary to place barrels and set up a work zone in the right lane. At least one lane of traffic will be maintained overnight. Motorists are advised to slow down, use caution, and expect delays.

By 6 a.m. Saturday, February 3, the center lane will be reopened, and the right lane will remain closed. The closure is expected to remain in place until late spring 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 X (Twitter) [@NewJerseyDOT](https://twitter.com/NewJerseyDOT) or on the [NJDOT Facebook page](#).

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