



NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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I-280 westbound Exit 13 and right lane closed this weekend as bridge deck project advances in Newark Closures necessary for roadway reconstruction

(Trenton) – I-280 westbound Exit 13 and the right lane of I-280 westbound are scheduled to be closed this weekend as a bridge deck replacement project advances in Newark, Essex County.

Beginning at 9 p.m. tonight, Friday, February 2 through 4 p.m. tomorrow, Saturday, February 3, I-280 westbound Exit 13 and the right lane on I-280 westbound between Exit 14 until just past Exit 13 are scheduled to be closed. At least one lane will be maintained on I-280 westbound and Exit 14 will remain open. Exit 13 will be closed and detoured. The closures are necessary to remove concrete, reconstruct a portion of the roadway, and to reposition construction barrier. The following detour for Exit 13 will be in place:

I-280 Westbound Exit 13 detour:

- Traffic on I-280 westbound wishing to take Exit 13/Orange Street will be directed to continue on I-280 westbound
- Stay right to take Exit 12A/B
- Stay in the right lane to take Exit 12A/Clinton Street/East Orange
- Continue on the ramp and go straight through the traffic signal at S. Walnut Street
- Turn left onto S. Burnet Street
- Turn left onto Freeway Drive East
- Stay left to take the ramp onto I-280 eastbound
- Stay left for Exit 13
- At the traffic signal at First Street, turn left to go to Orange Street, which is at the next traffic signal

Traffic will also be encouraged to use Exit 14 prior to the construction to use Clifton Avenue to access Orange Street and local Newark streets.

The \$31.7 million federally funded project will replace the I-280 westbound bridge decks on the 10-span viaduct that goes over the NJ TRANSIT tracks, Orange Street and 1st Street in Newark, Essex County. The project includes substructure repairs, replacing bearings, repairing structural steel, and repainting portions of the bridge. In addition, the existing retaining wall on the ramp from 1st Street to I-280 westbound will be replaced to allow for three through lanes on I-280 westbound beyond the bridge. Two new overhead sign

structures also will be installed over I-280. The project was designed to advance in stages to minimize impact on motorists. Construction is expected to be completed by fall 2025.

Variable Message Signs will provide advance notification to motorists of 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 real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on X (Twitter) [@NewJerseyDOT](https://twitter.com/NewJerseyDOT) and on the [NJDOT Facebook page](#).

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