



NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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Route 18 lane closures in both directions tonight as pavement project advances in East Brunswick, Middlesex County At least one lane will be maintained overnight in each direction

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced that Route 18 is scheduled to have lane closures tonight in both directions between Racetrack Road and Gunia Street as a pavement project advances in East Brunswick, Middlesex County.

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Friday, February 23, until 6 a.m. Saturday, February 24, the left and center lanes are scheduled to be closed on Route 18 in both directions from Racetrack Road to Gunia Street. The lane closures are necessary to restripe the roadway and place barrels to set up a work zone in the median. At least one lane of traffic will be maintained overnight in each direction. Motorists are advised to slow down, use caution, and expect delays.

By 6 a.m. Saturday, February 24, the center lane will be reopened, and the left lane will remain closed on Route 18 northbound and southbound. At least two lanes will be maintained during construction. The closures are expected to remain in place until late summer 2024 and are necessary to install traffic signals and gas mains, as well as make drainage improvements and concrete median 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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