



# NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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## **Route 18 southbound closed and detoured tonight at Racetrack Road in East Brunswick, Middlesex County Closure necessary for water main installation**

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced that Route 18 southbound is scheduled to be closed and detoured tonight at Racetrack Road as a pavement project advances in East Brunswick, Middlesex County.

Beginning at 11 p.m. tonight, Monday, March 18, until 6 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, March 19, Route 18 southbound is scheduled to be closed from Racetrack Road to Rues Lane. The closure is necessary to install a new 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

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.

### **NJDOT Pothole Campaign**

NJDOT's 2024 Pothole Campaign began on March 4. [Watch a safety message from Acting Commissioner Fran O'Connor](#) about how NJDOT repairs potholes to keep our roads safe and in a state of good repair.

To repair potholes in the most aggressive and efficient manner during the Pothole Campaign, the Department will be allowing crews throughout the state to close travel lanes where necessary during daytime hours. When possible, crews will limit their daytime work hours from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will try to avoid working in travel lanes carrying traffic during peak times.

It is important to **slow down in work zones** so NJDOT crews can safely make repairs. [New Jersey's Move Over law](#) requires motorists to move over, if it is safe to do so, when approaching an emergency or service vehicle stopped on the side of the road. If you cannot safely MOVE OVER, PLEASE SLOW DOWN.

In addition to our crews monitoring and reporting potholes that need repair on state highways, we encourage motorists to report potholes as well. Motorists may call **1-800-POTHOLE** or go online to [report potholes](#) on state roads using a new mapping feature to help identify the exact location of the pothole.

To report potholes on county roads, [contact the appropriate jurisdiction](#). The Department responds as quickly as possible, especially to reports of potholes that create safety concerns based on their size and location.

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](http://www.511nj.org) for construction updates and real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on X (Twitter) [@NewJerseyDOT](#) or on the [NJDOT Facebook page](#).

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