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Route 7/Washington Avenue single lane closures next week as roadway improvement project begins in Essex County Project to reconstruct two miles of roadway

(Trenton) – Route 7/Washington Avenue is scheduled to have single lane closures beginning Monday as a roadway improvement project advances in Belleville and Nutley, Essex County.

Beginning at 6 a.m. Monday, April 8, and continuing weekdays, Monday through Wednesday, the left lane on Route 7/Washington Avenue is scheduled to be closed in both directions between Cleveland Street and Academy Street in Belleville for milling, paving, and striping. One lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction. Single lane closures will continue on Route 7 for approximately two months for milling and paving work.

No street parking will be permitted within the active work zones. In addition, left turns from Route 7, and left turns and through traffic from local roads will not be permitted in active work zones. Motorists will be directed to follow posted detours. Access will be maintained for residential properties and local businesses during normal business hours. Bus stops within the project limits will be maintained.

Work for this stage of the project will be done in eight sections on Route 7 as follows:

- Howard Place to Rutgers Street
- Rutgers Street to Holmes Street
- Holmes Street to Joralemon Street
- Joralemon Street to Little Street
- Little Street to Greylock Parkway
- Greylock Parkway to Carmer Avenue
- Carmer Avenue to Hancox Avenue
- Hancox Avenue to Centre Street

The \$20 million federally funded project will reconstruct and pave approximately two miles of Route 7 in Belleville and Nutley townships in Essex County. In addition, improvements will be made at all intersections within the project limits, including drainage and traffic signal upgrades, as well as ADA-compliant pedestrian safety improvements. Work is estimated to take approximately three years to complete.

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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