



NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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Route 18 to be closed and detoured in each direction tonight for paving in East Brunswick, Middlesex County Route 18 southbound to be closed and detoured tomorrow night

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced that Route 18 northbound is scheduled to be closed and detoured tonight between Arthur Street and Milltown Road, and Route 18 southbound is scheduled to be closed and detoured tonight between Arthur Street and Racetrack Road as a pavement project advances in East Brunswick, Middlesex County. In addition, Route 18 southbound is scheduled to be closed and detoured tomorrow night between Racetrack Road and Rues Lane. In the event of cancellation due to inclement weather, construction will take place the following evening.

Tonight, Thursday, May 16

Beginning at 9:30 p.m. tonight, Thursday, May 16, until 4:30 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, May 17, Route 18 northbound is scheduled to be closed from Arthur Street to Milltown Road. In addition, from 11 p.m. tonight, Thursday, May 16, until 7 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, May 17, Route 18 southbound is scheduled to be closed from Arthur Road to Racetrack Road. The closures are necessary for paving. The following detours will be in place:

Route 18 northbound Detour:

- Motorists on Route 18 northbound will be directed to turn right onto Arthur Street
- Turn left onto Old Bridge Turnpike/CR 527
- Turn left onto Milltown Road
- Stay right to take the ramp onto Route 18 northbound

Route 18 southbound Detour:

- Motorists on Route 18 southbound will be directed to take the ramp to Arthur Street and turn right
- Turn left onto Summerhill Road/CR 613
- Turn left onto Racetrack Road
- Turn right onto Route 18 southbound

Tomorrow Night, Friday, May 17

Beginning at 11 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, May 17, until 7 a.m. Saturday, May 18, Route 18 southbound is scheduled to be closed from Racetrack Road to Rues Lane. The closure is necessary for paving. The following detour will be in place:

Route 18 southbound Detour:

- 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
- Turn right onto Route 18 southbound

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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