



NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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Route 18 northbound to be closed and detoured this week in East Brunswick, Middlesex County Closure necessary to replace drainage pipes underneath the roadway

(Trenton) –Route 18 northbound is scheduled to be closed and detoured overnight, beginning tonight, Thursday, July 25 until Friday, July 26 between Racetrack Road and Arthur Street as a pavement project advances in East Brunswick, Middlesex County. In addition, on Friday, July 26, the Route 18 northbound closure may be extended from Racetrack Road to Milltown Road.

Beginning at 9:30 p.m. tonight, Thursday, July 25, until 4:30 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, July 26, and continuing overnight on Friday July 26 at the same times, Route 18 northbound is scheduled to be closed from Racetrack Road to Arthur Street. The closure is necessary for drainage pipe replacement. The following detour will be in place:

Route 18 northbound Detour (Racetrack Road to Arthur Street):

- Motorists on Route 18 northbound will be directed to turn right onto Racetrack Road
- Turn left onto Old Bridge Turnpike/CR 527
- Turn left onto Arthur Street, back to Route 18

In addition, between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. on Friday, July 26, the Route 18 northbound closure may be extended from Racetrack Road to Milltown Road. The extended closure is necessary for drainage improvements, as well as milling and paving. The following detour will be in place:

Route 18 northbound Detour (Racetrack Road to Milltown Road):

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

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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