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I-280 westbound daily ramp closure begins Monday as bridge deck project advances in Newark Closures necessary for retaining wall construction

(Trenton) – The I-280 westbound ramp from Orange Street and the right lane on the I-280 westbound ramp from 1st Street are scheduled to be closed weekdays starting on Monday as a bridge deck replacement project advances in Newark, Essex County.

Beginning at 9 a.m. Monday, August 5 until 3 p.m. and continuing daily, Monday through Friday at the same times as needed for about month, the I-280 westbound ramp from Orange Street is scheduled to be closed and detoured. In addition, the right lane on the I-280 westbound ramp from 1st Street is scheduled to be closed during the same times. At least one lane will be maintained on the I-280 westbound ramp from 1st Street. The closures are necessary for retaining wall construction. The closures will be done as needed over the next month. The following detour will be in place:

Orange Street ramp to I-280 westbound detour:

- Motorists wishing to use the Orange Street ramp to I-280 westbound will be directed to turn onto 1st Street southbound
- Turn right onto the ramp to I-280 westbound

The \$31.7 million federally funded project will replace the I-280 westbound bridge decks on the 10-span viaduct that goes over the NJ TRANSIT tracks, Orange Street and 1st Street in Newark, Essex County. The project includes substructure repairs, replacing bearings, repairing structural steel, and repainting portions of the bridge. In addition, the existing retaining wall on the ramp from 1st Street to I-280 westbound will be replaced to allow for three through lanes on I-280 westbound beyond the bridge. Two new overhead sign structures also will be installed over I-280. The project was designed to advance in stages to minimize impact on motorists. Construction is expected to be completed by fall 2025.

Variable Message Signs will provide advance notification to motorists of 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 real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on X (Twitter) [@NewJerseyDOT](https://twitter.com/NewJerseyDOT) and on the [NJDOT Facebook page](#).

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