



# NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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## **Route 18 southbound closed and detoured tonight at Rues Lane in East Brunswick, Middlesex County Closure necessary for drainage installation**

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

Beginning at 11 p.m. tonight, Monday, August 12, until 6 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, August 13, Route 18 southbound is scheduled to be closed from Rues Lane to Hillsdale Road. The closure is necessary for drainage improvements. The following detour will be in place:

### **Route 18 southbound:**

- Motorists on Route 18 southbound will be directed to turn right onto Rues Lane
- Turn left onto Summerhill Road/CR 613 southbound
- Turn left onto Main Street/CR 615
- Turn left to take the ramp to Route 18 southbound

### **For traffic wishing to access Route 18 northbound:**

- Continue under the Route 18 Overpass to turn left onto Old Bridge Turnpike/CR 527 northbound
- Turn left to take the ramp to Route 18 northbound/New Brunswick

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](http://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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