



NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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Route 44 Bridge over Mantua Creek closed for emergency repairs between Paulsboro and West Deptford, Gloucester County Safety gate being replaced following crash

(Trenton) – The Route 44 Drawbridge over Mantua Creek between Paulsboro and West Deptford in Gloucester County is closed to vehicular and marine traffic for emergency repairs to the safety gate.

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Saturday August 24, Route 44 was closed and detoured in both directions to make emergency repairs to the safety gate at the drawbridge over Mantua Creek. A crash this afternoon on Route 44 southbound damaged the safety gate before the drawbridge making it inoperable. Repairs are expected to be completed around 12 noon tomorrow, Sunday, August 25. If repairs are completed sooner, Route 44 will reopen earlier. The following detours are in place:

Route 44/Crown Point Road southbound from West Deptford to Paulsboro Detour:

- Motorists on Route 44 southbound will be directed to turn left onto Mantua Grove Road
- Turn left to take the ramp to I-295 southbound
- Take Exit 18/Paulsboro/Mt. Royal/Clarksboro
- Turn left onto S. Delaware Street
- Turn left on Route 44/Broad Street southbound

Route 44/Broad Street northbound from Paulsboro to West Deptford Detour:

- Motorists on Route 44/Broad Street northbound will be directed to turn right onto S. Delaware Street
- Turn left to take the ramp to I-295 northbound
- Take Exit 19/Mantua
- Turn left onto Mantua Grove Road
- Turn right on Route 44 northbound

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) or on the [NJDOT Facebook page](#).

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