



NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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Route 18 overnight lane closures in both directions for one week as pavement project advances in East Brunswick Long-term left lane closure beginning Saturday, September 21

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced that Route 18 is scheduled to have lane closures in both directions beginning tonight and continuing for approximately one week between Hillside Avenue and West Ferris Street, as a pavement project advances in East Brunswick, Middlesex County.

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Friday, September 13, until 6 a.m. Saturday, September 14, and continuing Monday through Friday nights at the same time for approximately one week, the left and center lanes are scheduled to be closed on Route 18 in both directions from Hillside Avenue to West Ferris Street. The lane closures are necessary to restripe the roadway and place barrier in the left lane to set up a work zone in the median. At least one lane of traffic will be maintained overnight in each direction. The center lane is scheduled to reopen at 6 a.m. each day, and two lanes of traffic will be maintained during daytime hours. Motorists are advised to slow down, use caution, and expect delays when driving through the work zone.

Long-term Left Lane Closure Beginning Saturday, September 21

Beginning at 6 a.m. Saturday, September 21, the left lane will remain closed on Route 18 northbound and southbound. At least two lanes will be maintained in each direction during construction. The left lane closure is expected to remain in place for approximately one year and is necessary to install drainage and gas mains, as well as make curb improvements and other concrete median repairs. Access to local businesses will be maintained during business hours, and access to side streets will be maintained during construction. If it is necessary to temporarily close a side street or ramp overnight, motorists should follow the signed detour.

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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