



NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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I-280 westbound lane closure tonight to shift traffic as bridge deck replacement project advances in Newark Traffic to be shifted onto newly completed left lane

(Trenton) – I-280 westbound over 1st and Orange Streets is scheduled to have a lane closure tonight to shift traffic onto the newly completed left lane, as the bridge deck replacement project advances in Newark, Essex County.

Beginning at 10 p.m. tonight, Friday, January 10, until 6 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, January 11, one lane on I-280 westbound is scheduled to be closed after Exit 14 to shift traffic onto the newly completed left lane of the bridge. At least one lane will be maintained. I-280 westbound Exit 13 may be closed temporarily overnight while the traffic shift is being implemented. Motorists are advised to follow the signed detour. I-280 eastbound will not be affected.

By 6 a.m. Saturday, January 11, traffic will be shifted to the left with two lanes open and the right lane coming from the 8th Street ramp remaining closed for demolition and reconstruction. The I-280 westbound entrance ramp from 8th Avenue will remain closed throughout the duration of the project. Additional single lane closures on I-280 westbound between Exit 14 and Exit 13 are expected overnight Monday through Friday at the same time until the summer. At least one lane will be maintained on I-280 westbound, and Exits 14 and 13 will remain open.

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), on the [NJDOT Facebook page](#), or Instagram [@NewJersey.DOT](https://www.instagram.com/NewJersey.DOT).

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