

For Immediate Release:

January 10, 2025

Contact: Jim Barry

Elizabeth Rose Galamba

609-963-1975

Route 18 southbound lane closures tonight to repair gas leak in East Brunswick, Middlesex County Route 18 northbound to be closed and detoured overnight next week

(Trenton) – Route 18 southbound is scheduled to have lane closures tonight for PSE&G repairs in East Brunswick, Middlesex County. In addition, Route 18 northbound is scheduled to be closed and detoured for three nights next week as a pavement project advances. In the event of inclement weather, scheduled work will be postponed to the following night.

Tonight, Friday, January 10

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Friday, January 10, until 8 p.m. tomorrow, Saturday, January 11, the right and center lanes on Route 18 southbound will be closed between the NJ Turnpike and the first driveway to Best Western Hotel, just before Eggers Street/South Woodland Avenue. The lane closures are necessary for PSE&G to repair a gas leak underneath the roadway. At least one lane is expected to remain open during construction. Motorists are advised to slow down, use caution, and expect delays when driving through the work zone.

Monday, January 13 and Tuesday, January 14

Beginning at 9:30 p.m. Monday, January 13, until 5 a.m. Tuesday, January 14, and again on Tuesday night at the same time, Route 18 northbound is scheduled to be closed from Tices Lane to Edgeboro Road. The closure is necessary for drainage pipe replacement. The following detour will be in place:

Route 18 northbound Detour:

- Motorists on Route 18 northbound will be directed to turn right onto Tices Lane
- Turn left onto Old Bridge Turnpike/CR 527, back to Route 18

Wednesday, January 15

Beginning at 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 15, until 5 a.m. Thursday, January 16, Route 18 northbound is scheduled to be closed from Milltown Road to Tices Lane. The closure is necessary for drainage pipe replacement. The following detour will be in place:

Route 18 northbound Detour:

- Motorists on Route 18 northbound will be directed to turn right onto Milltown Road
- Turn left onto Old Bridge Turnpike/CR 527
- Turn left onto Tices Lane, back to Route 18

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 late 2027.

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. For NJDOT news follow us on X (Twitter) @NewJerseyDOT, on the NJDOT Facebook page, or Instagram @NewJersey.DOT.

#