



NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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I-80 westbound 2 lanes to be closed today for additional testing in Wharton, Morris County I-80 eastbound remains closed and detoured

(Trenton) – I-80 westbound is scheduled to have two lanes closed this afternoon before Exit 34B for additional roadway testing as emergency sinkhole repairs continue on I-80 eastbound in Wharton, Morris County.

Beginning at 4 p.m. today, Sunday, February 23 until 8 p.m., the two left lanes on I-80 westbound are scheduled to be closed before Exit 34B in Wharton for roadway testing. The left lane was closed earlier today for testing. At least one lane will be maintained. If work is completed early, all lanes on I-80 westbound will reopen sooner.

I-80 eastbound remains closed and detoured at Exit 34. The Department will continue its assessment, while developing an appropriate design and repair. Early indications are that the repair will take a minimum of several weeks. All work remains weather dependent, making it difficult to determine a precise timeline for completion. Crews will continue to work 24 hours a day to complete these repairs as safely and efficiently as possible.

NJDOT is working closely with local officials to coordinate detours and alternate routes in order to minimize the disruption of additional traffic in the neighboring communities. We ask motorists to avoid the area and be patient while repairs are being made. The following detour will be in place until further notice:

I-80 eastbound Exit 34 Detour:

- Motorists on I-80 eastbound are being directed to take Exit 34 to Route 15/Wharton/Dover/Sparta
- At the end of the ramp, stay right following signs for Route 15/Jefferson/Dover/Sparta/Picatunny Arsenal
- **Stay in the right lane on North Main Street following signs for Route 15 North/Jefferson/Sparta**
- **Bear right toward Route 15 northbound/Picatunny Arsenal**
- At the traffic signal, merge onto Route 15 northbound
- Stay left, following signs for Pondview Drive/U and Left Turns

- Using both lanes, make a U-turn at the Pondview Drive traffic signal and merge onto Route 15 southbound
- Stay left to take the exit to I-80 eastbound

All I-80 eastbound traffic is currently being detoured at Exit 34 as detailed above. However, traffic is advised to use Exit 28 to take Route 10 eastbound or Route 46 eastbound as alternate routes to avoid the area. Exit 28 is several miles before the closure:

Route 10 eastbound Alternate Route:

- Motorists on I-80 eastbound are advised to take Exit 28/Route 46 eastbound to Route 10/Ledgewood/Lake Hopatcong, *which is several miles before the closure*
- Continue on Route 46 eastbound
- Stay right to take Route 10 eastbound
- Take the exit to I-287 northbound
- Stay right to take the ramp to I-80 eastbound

Route 46 eastbound Alternate Route:

- Motorists on I-80 eastbound are advised to take Exit 28/Route 46 eastbound to Route 10/Ledgewood/Lake Hopatcong, *which is several miles before the closure*
- Continue on Route 46 eastbound
- Stay in the left two lanes to turn left at the traffic signal to continue on Route 46 eastbound
- Turn left onto Route 15 northbound in Dover back to I-80
- or
- Continue on Route 46 eastbound for about 12 miles and stay left for I-80 eastbound

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 construction updates and real-time travel information. For NJDOT news follow us on X (Twitter) [@NewJerseyDOT](https://twitter.com/NewJerseyDOT), on the [NJDOT Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/NJDOT), or Instagram [@NewJersey.DOT](https://www.instagram.com/NewJerseyDOT).

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