



NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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I-280 lane closures tonight and tomorrow night as bridge replacement project begins in East Orange I-280 auxiliary lanes to be shifted in both directions tomorrow night

(Trenton) – I-280 is scheduled to have lane closures in both directions tonight and tomorrow night at the North Munn Avenue Bridge to shift traffic, as a bridge deck and superstructure replacement project begins in East Orange, Essex County.

Tonight, Thursday, March 27

Beginning at 9 p.m. tonight, Thursday, March 27, until 6 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, March 28, a single right lane on I-280 eastbound and westbound is scheduled to be closed just before the North Munn Avenue Bridge to remove rumble strips in preparation for a traffic shift scheduled to take place tomorrow night. At least two lanes will be maintained in both directions. Motorists are advised to slow down, use caution and expect delays.

Tomorrow night, Friday, March 28 – I-280 Mainline Lane Closures

Beginning at 11 p.m. tomorrow night, Friday, March 28, until 5 a.m. Saturday, March 29, I-280 eastbound and westbound are scheduled to have lane closures just before the North Munn Avenue Bridge to restripe the roadway in order to shift traffic underneath the bridge. Construction is expected to start in the right and center lanes and move to the left as work progresses. At least one lane will be maintained in both directions. Motorists are advised to slow down, use caution and expect delays.

By 5 a.m. Saturday, March 29, all lanes on I-280 will be reopened in both directions with traffic shifted to the right, away from the center median. The shift is necessary to create a work zone in order to demolish and reconstruct the North Munn Avenue bridge deck and superstructure. This pattern is expected to remain in place for approximately two years.

Tomorrow night, Friday, March 28 – I-280 Auxiliary Lane Closures

Beginning at 11 p.m. tomorrow night, Friday, March 28, until 5 a.m. Saturday, March 29, the auxiliary lanes on I-280 eastbound and westbound are scheduled to have lane closures just before the North Munn Avenue Bridge to restripe the roadway and reduce the width of the travel lanes. Construction is expected to start in the left lane and move to the right as work progresses. At least one lane will be maintained in both directions. Motorists are advised to slow down, use caution and expect delays.

By 5 a.m. Saturday, March 29, all lanes in the I-280 auxiliary lanes will be reopened in both directions with the width of travel lanes reduced from 12 feet to 11 feet. The lane reductions are necessary to create a work zone in order to demolish and reconstruct the North Munn Avenue bridge deck and superstructure. This pattern is expected to remain in place for approximately two years.

The \$20.3 million federally funded project will replace the North Munn Avenue bridge decks and superstructure over I-280 in East Orange, Essex County. The project includes demolishing and reconstructing concrete bridge decks, substructure repairs, replacing bearings, and repairing structural steel. In addition, the existing sidewalk on the bridge will be reconstructed, and a shoulder will be added in both directions. Construction is expected to be completed by spring 2028.

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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