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To: All Department Divisions
From: Commissioner Francis K. O'Connor
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Subject: Temporary Construction Activity Embargo for FIFA World Cup 2026

The FIFA World Cup 2026™ will take place from June 13 through July 19, 2026, with MetLife Stadium in New Jersey designated as a primary venue. Anticipated event-related activities are expected to generate significant increases in traffic volumes and transportation demand across the region. To accommodate these conditions, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) will implement a temporary construction activity embargo within its Right-of-Way (ROW).

From 12:00 a.m. on Friday, May 22, 2026, through Noon on Monday, July 20, 2026, no temporary lane or ramp closures, no moving operations, no shoulder closures, and no new long term traffic patterns will be permitted. Any/all activities that impede the free flow of traffic within the travel lanes—including slowdowns as well as the installation or removal of closures—will be prohibited. NJDOT will coordinate with the New Jersey State Police (NJSP) to provide access for all emergencies.

The temporary construction activity embargo will apply to the road sections shown on the ensuing pages.

Roadway Name	North Region	SRI	From (MP)	To (MP)	Direction
I-78	From Rt. 24 in Springfield Township to I-95 in Newark	00000078_	47.00	58.6	Both
I-280	From I-80 & US-46 interchange in Parsippany to I-95 in Kearny	00000280_	0.00	17.85	Both
Route 3	From Rt. 46 interchange in Clifton to Rt.495 Interchange in North Bergen	00000003__	0.00	10.84	Both
Route 1&9	From Elizabeth to Route 495 in North Bergen	00000001_	45.40	57.5	Both
Route 1&9 Truck	From Rt. 1 & 9 (Skyway) in Newark to Rt. 1&9 (Skyway) in Jersey City	00000001T_	0.00	4.35	Both
Route 10	From the I-287 interchange to Prospect Ave	00000010__	13.00	23.51	Both
Route 17	From Rt.3 Interchange to Rt.4 Interchange	00000017__	4.01	12.33	Both
Route 18	From NJ Turnpike to I-287	00000018_	39.68	47.92	Both
Route 21	From Rt. 1 in Newark to Rt. 46 in Clifton	00000021_	0.00	14.35	Both
Route 22	From Hillside Township to Rt. 21 in Newark	00000022_	57.00	60.54	Both
Route 46	From NJ Turnpike interchange to Rt.17 interchange	00000046__	68.01	71.05	Both
Route 120	From Paterson Plank Road to the Rt.3 interchange	00000120__	0.00	2.65	Both
Route 139 Lower	From Rt. 1&9 to I-78 in Jersey City	00000139_	0.00	1.45	Both
Route 139 Upper	From CR 501 (JFK Blvd) to I-78 in Jersey City	00000139U_	0.00	0.83	Both
Route 495	From Lincoln Tunnel to Rt.3 Interchange	00000495__	0.78	3.45	Both

Roadway Name	South Region	SRI	From (MP)	To (MP)	Direction
I-76	From Walt Whitman Bridge to I-676 Interchange	00000076__	0	2	Both
I-295	From Rt. 130 in West Deptford Township to Rt.70 Interchange in Cherry Hill Township	00000295_	23.5	34.81	Both
I-676	From I-76 Interchange to Benjamin Franklin Bridge	00000676__	0	4.72	Both
Route 30	From I-676 in Camden City to Rt. 38 in Pennsauken Township	00000030_	0.92	3.2	Both
Route 40	From Ventnor Ave to Atlantic City Expressway	00000040_	62.17	64.32	Both
Route 42	From Route 168 in Gloucester Township to I-76 & I-295 in Bellmawr	00000042_	6.3	14.28	Both

Work performed behind permanent barriers on either the left or right side of the roadway will be permitted, provided it does not involve any lane closure operations to be performed.

The NJDOT reserves the right to impose additional restrictions on additional roadways as necessary for the free flow movement of traffic during FIFA World Cup 2026.

Requests for exceptions to the temporary construction activity embargo should be submitted to the Assistant Commissioner of Operations, Christopher Feintheil.

With this notice, I hereby direct Department personnel to advise all contracting and consultant teams to **plan accordingly** and incorporate these limitations into existing or planned project schedules and work activities.