



NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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UPDATED

Washington Road Bridge over D&R Canal to be closed and detoured starting tonight in Princeton and West Windsor, Mercer County Closure required for bridge replacement

(Trenton) – The Washington Road Bridge over the D&R Canal in Princeton and West Windsor, Mercer County is scheduled to be closed and detoured starting tonight as a bridge replacement project begins.

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Wednesday, July 26, the Washington Road Bridge over the D&R Canal will be closed between Faculty Road and Tiger Lane. Local access will be maintained between Route 1 and Tiger Lane. The closure is necessary to replace the bridge. Work is expected to be complete this fall. The following detours will be in place:

Washington Road southbound detour:

- Motorists wishing to travel southbound on Washington Road will be directed to use Route 27/Nassau Street
- Turn left onto Alexander Street
- Take the ramp to Route 1 northbound to New Brunswick
- Take the jughandle to CR 571 northbound/Princeton to Washington Road

Or

- From Route 27/Nassau Street, turn right onto Harrison Street
- Turn right onto Route 1 southbound
- Stay right on Route 1 southbound to take the "All Turns" lane to CR 571/Hightstown/Princeton back to Washington Road

Washington Road northbound detour (updated):

- Motorists on Washington Road northbound before the Route 1 intersection wishing to cross the Washington Road Bridge over the D&R Canal will be directed to turn right onto Route 1 northbound
- Stay right to take the Harrison Street exit
- Turn left on Harrison Street
- Cross Route 1 and continue on Harrison Street westbound/Princeton
- Turn left onto Route 27/Nassau Street southbound back to Washington Road

Or

- Motorists on Washington Road northbound before the Route 1 intersection wishing to cross the Washington Road Bridge over the D&R Canal will be directed to turn left onto Route 1 southbound
- Take the ramp to Alexander Road westbound/Princeton
- Continue on Alexander Road and turn right onto University Place
- Turn right onto Route 27/Nassau Street northbound back to Washington Road

+Route 1 to Washington Road northbound detour:

Motorists traveling on Route 1 northbound or southbound wishing to travel into Princeton using Washington Street northbound will be directed to use Alexander Road/Alexander Street or South Harrison Street/Lower Harrison Street.

Pedestrian Access

Access to the D&R Canal towpath will be maintained for pedestrians and cyclists on Washington Road southbound, crossing the Washington Road Bridge over Lake Carnegie. Barriers will be in place to direct pedestrians and cyclists to the towpath a safe distance away from the active construction zone.

Pedestrians and cyclists on Washington Road northbound will not be able to access the D&R Canal towpath. Instead, they can use crossings at Alexander Street and Harrison Street.

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 and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter [@NewJerseyDOT](https://twitter.com/NewJerseyDOT) or on the [NJDOT Facebook page](#).

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