



# NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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## **Route 18 northbound lane closures required tonight as paving project advances in East Brunswick, Middlesex County At least one lane of traffic will be maintained overnight**

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced that two lanes are scheduled to be closed on Route 18 northbound tonight as a pavement project advances in East Brunswick, Middlesex County.

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Friday, January 5, until 6 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, January 6, NJDOT's contractor, Earle Asphalt, is scheduled to close the right and center lanes on Route 18 northbound from Fountain Street to Icker Avenue. The lane closures are necessary to place barrels and set up a work zone in the right lane. At least one lane of traffic will be maintained overnight. Motorists are advised to slow down, use caution, and expect delays.

By 6 a.m. Saturday, January 6, the center lane will be reopened, and the right lane will remain closed. The closure is expected to remain in place until spring 2024 and is necessary for drainage installation, as well as sidewalk and curb repairs. Access to local businesses will be maintained during business hours, and access to side streets will be maintained during construction. If it is necessary to temporarily close a side street or ramp overnight, motorists should follow the signed detour.

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 fall 2026.

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](http://www.511nj.org) for construction updates and real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on X (Twitter) [@NewJerseyDOT](https://twitter.com/NewJerseyDOT) or on the [NJDOT Facebook page](#).

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