



NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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Route 57 temporary stoppages in both directions tonight as culvert replacement project advances in Lopatcong, Warren County **Alternating traffic will be maintained during construction**

(Trenton) – Route 57 is scheduled to have temporary traffic stoppages tonight as a culvert replacement project advances in Lopatcong, Warren County.

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Friday, March 22 until 6 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, March 23, temporary stoppages are scheduled on Route 57 between Red School Lane and Strykers Road. The stoppages are necessary to move construction barrier and establish a new traffic pattern. Beginning Saturday morning, alternating traffic will be maintained in the westbound lane with a temporary traffic signal. This traffic pattern is expected to be in place for approximately three months to replace the culvert.

The \$8.1 million federally funded project will replace the existing culvert on Route 57 over Lopatcong Creek. The project also includes guiderail replacement and paving. Work is expected to be complete in fall 2024.

NJDOT Pothole Campaign

NJDOT's 2024 Pothole Campaign began on March 4. [Watch a safety message from Acting Commissioner Fran O'Connor](#) about how NJDOT repairs potholes to keep our roads safe and in a state of good repair.

To repair potholes in the most aggressive and efficient manner during the Pothole Campaign, the Department will be allowing crews throughout the state to close travel lanes where necessary during daytime hours. When possible, crews will limit their daytime work hours from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will try to avoid working in travel lanes carrying traffic during peak times.

It is important to **slow down in work zones** so NJDOT crews can safely make repairs. [New Jersey's Move Over law](#) requires motorists to move over, if it is safe to do so, when approaching an emergency or service vehicle stopped on the side of the road. If you cannot safely MOVE OVER, PLEASE SLOW DOWN.

In addition to our crews monitoring and reporting potholes that need repair on state highways, we encourage motorists to report potholes as well. Motorists may call **1-800-POTHOLE** or go online to [report potholes](#) on state roads using a new mapping feature to help identify the exact location of the pothole.

To report potholes on county roads, [contact the appropriate jurisdiction](#). The Department responds as quickly as possible, especially to reports of potholes that create safety concerns based on their size and location.

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 X (Twitter) [@NewJerseyDOT](#) or on the [NJDOT Facebook page](#).

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