



NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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Route 7/Washington Avenue daytime lane closures next week as roadway improvement project advances in Essex County One lane of traffic will be maintained during construction

(Trenton) – Route 7/Washington Avenue is scheduled to have single lane and shoulder closures next week as a roadway improvement project advances in Essex County.

From 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, May 20, and continuing Tuesday, May 21 and Wednesday, May 22 at the same times, single lane closures are scheduled on Route 7 in both directions between Sylvan Avenue in Newark and Rutgers Street in Belleville for electrical work. One lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction. Single daytime lane closures are expected to continue through the end of the year as work progresses in both directions on Route 7/Washington Avenue.

No street parking will be permitted within the active work zones. Access will be maintained for residential properties and local businesses during normal business hours. Bus stops within the project limits will be maintained.

Work for this stage of the project will be done in eight sections on Route 7 as follows:

- Howard Place to Rutgers Street
- Rutgers Street to Holmes Street
- Holmes Street to Joralemon Street
- Joralemon Street to Little Street
- Little Street to Greylock Parkway
- Greylock Parkway to Carmer Avenue
- Carmer Avenue to Hancox Avenue
- Hancox Avenue to Centre Street

The \$20 million federally funded project will reconstruct and pave approximately two miles of Route 7 in Belleville and Nutley townships in Essex County. In addition, improvements will be made at all intersections within the project limits, including drainage and traffic signal upgrades, as well as ADA-compliant pedestrian safety improvements. Work is expected to be completed in spring 2027.

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](https://twitter.com/NewJerseyDOT) or on the [NJDOT Facebook page](#).

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