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Palisade Avenue to be closed overnight as part of Pulaski Contract 2 **Detours will be in place for several weeks in Jersey City**

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced Palisade Avenue in Jersey City will be closed overnight for several weeks requiring detours as part of the Pulaski Skyway Contract 2 to rebuild Route 139.

Palisade Avenue will be closed between Route 139 and Newark Avenue weeknights beginning tonight, Monday, May 12, until early summer. Construction will take place Monday through Thursday nights from 8:30 p.m. until 5 a.m. the next morning. On Friday nights, Palisade Avenue will be closed from 10:30 p.m. until 7 a.m. Saturday. There will not be closures on Saturday or Sunday evenings. This will not impact eastbound and westbound traffic along Route 139.

The closure will allow NJDOT's contractor, Schiavone Construction, to provide a safe work zone to drill shafts for a new wall that is part of the construction of a temporary roadway. The following detours will be posted during the closure and the Jersey City Police Department will be on-site to provide assistance.

Detour:

- Motorists traveling southbound on Palisade Avenue will be directed to make a right onto Route 139 westbound, then turn left on Baldwin Avenue and then turn left on Newark Avenue.
- Motorists trying to access Palisade Avenue from Newark Avenue will be directed to Baldwin Avenue, then turn right on Route 139 eastbound and then turn left on Palisade Avenue.
- Local traffic destined for Washburn Street from Newark Avenue will be allowed.

This work is part of the [\\$104 million Pulaski Contract 2](#), which will repair and improve the upper and lower levels of Route 139. Route 139 links the eastern end of the Pulaski Skyway to the Jersey City waterfront and the Holland Tunnel. During this contract, the deck on Route 139 upper level eastbound will be replaced, along with five cross street bridges from Palisade Avenue to Kennedy Boulevard.

Contract 2 is part of the \$1 billion Pulaski Skyway rehabilitation project, which is being advanced through 10 separate construction contracts into the year 2020. The massive improvement project will extend the life of the Skyway by 75 years.

In April 2014, NJDOT began Contract 3, which is the [closure of the Pulaski Skyway northbound lanes](#) for two years while the existing deck of the 3.5-mile long structure that carries Route 1&9 traffic is replaced. Two southbound travel lanes will be maintained during this phase of the rehabilitation project.

NJDOT created a project-specific website - www.pulaskiskyway.com - which contains a wealth of information about the Skyway and the project, and will be updated with relevant new information as work progresses. The Department is carefully coordinating the Pulaski Skyway project with other regional transportation infrastructure projects to minimize traffic congestion.

The Department has a hotline telephone number, 973-776-7400, and encourages anyone who has questions, concerns or suggestions to contact the Project Outreach Team as work progresses.

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 real-time travel information.

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