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Advisory: New Bedford

Roadway Closures for Overnight Construction Work

Overnight closures will begin on the evening of Sunday, July 12 and continue into August

NEW BEDFORD – The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing overnight roadway impacts as part of the I-195/ Route 18 Interchange Rehabilitation Project in New Bedford beginning Sunday, July 12, and continuing nightly as needed into August. These impacts will take place nightly from 7:00 p.m., through 5:00 a.m., and are necessary to allow crews to safely and effectively install steel beams.

The following closures and detours will be implemented intermittently during this time in the project area. Closures will be implemented as necessary, and only one closure will be in place at a time. To view a graphic for each detour, visit the [traffic detour page on the project website](#).

- Closure of Route 18 northbound
- Closure of Route 18 southbound
- Closure of Purchase Street
- Closure of County Street

MassDOT reminds drivers that work zone speed limits are the law, and they exist for worker and driver safety. Please reduce your speed while traveling through the work zone so that everyone may get home safely.

Appropriate signage will be in place to guide drivers through the work area. Drivers traveling through the area should expect delays, reduce speed, and use caution.

All scheduled work is weather dependent and subject to change without notice.

For more information on traffic conditions, travelers are encouraged to:

- Download the Mass511 mobile app or visit www.mass511.com to view live cameras, travel times, real time traffic conditions, and project information before setting out on the road. Users can subscribe to receive text and email alerts for traffic conditions.
- Dial 511 and select a route to hear real time conditions.
- Follow @MassDOT on X (formerly known as Twitter) to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions.

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