Advisory: New Bedford
Various Detours and Impacts for Drivers and Pedestrians

Sunday, November 1 to Sunday, November 15, 2026

NEW BEDFORD – The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing that work to initiate the I-195/ Route 18 Interchange Rehabilitation Project in New Bedford will continue. The initial construction operations will require various ramp closures on I-195 and various street and sidewalk closures on local New Bedford roadways.

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.

The following closures and detours will be implemented as needed during the period of Sunday, November 1, 2026, to Sunday, November 15, 2026. To view a graphic for each detour, visit the traffic detour page on the project website.

1. **Closure of Cedar Grove Street between County Street and Purchase Street from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., as needed.**

   Northbound drivers will be detoured as follows:

   - Continue onto Purchase Street.
   - Turn left onto Coggeshall Street.
   - Turn left onto County Street.
   - Turn right onto Cedar Grove Street.

   Southbound drivers will be detoured as follows:

   - Continue onto Purchase Street.
   - Turn right onto Weld Street.
   - Turn right onto County Street.
   - Turn left onto Cedar Grove Street.

2. **Route 18 northbound and southbound closure from 7:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. the following morning as needed.**

Northbound drivers will be detoured as follows:

Option 1:

- Turn right onto MacArthur Drive.
- Turn left onto Herman Melville Blvd.
- Turn left onto Coggeshall Street.

Option 2 (from Route 6):

- Continue on Fish Island Road.
- Turn right onto Purchase Street.
- Turn right onto Logan Street.
- Turn left onto North Front Street.
- Turn left onto Coggeshall Street.

Southbound drivers will be detoured as follows:

- Continue on Coggeshall Street.
- Turn left onto Purchase Street.
- Turn left onto Hillman Street.
- Turn right onto MacArthur Drive.

3. **Closure of County Street between Cedar Grove Street and Penniman Street (drivers and pedestrians) from 7:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m., as needed and 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., as needed.**

   Northbound drivers will be detoured as follows:

   - Turn right onto Penniman Street.
   - Turn left onto Purchase Street.
   - Turn left onto Cedar Grove Street.

   Southbound drivers will be detoured as follows:

   - Turn left onto Cedar Grove Street.
   - Turn right onto Purchase Street.
   - Turn right onto Penniman Street.

4. **Closure of Purchase Street between Coggeshall Street and Penniman Street from 7:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. as needed, and 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. as needed.**

Northbound drivers will be detoured as follows:

- Turn left off Purchase Street onto Clark Street.
- Turn right onto County Street.
- Turn right onto Coggeshall Street.

Southbound drivers will be detoured as follows:

- Turn off Purchase Street onto Coggeshall Street.
- Turn right onto Ashley Boulevard Street.
- Turn right and take the exit onto Weld Street.

Southbound pedestrians will be detoured as follows:

- Turn off Purchase Street onto Coggeshall Street.
- Turn right onto Ashley Boulevard Street.
- Turn right and take the exit onto Weld Street.

Northbound pedestrians will be detoured as follows:

- Turn left off Purchase Street onto Clark Street.
- Turn right onto County Street.
- Turn right onto Coggeshall Street.

5. **Closure of North Front Street between Washburn Street and Cedar Grove Street from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. as needed.**

   Northbound drivers will be detoured as follows:

   - Continue on Washburn Street.
   - Turn left onto Belleville Avenue.
   - Turn left onto Cedar Grove Street.

   Southbound drivers will be detoured as follows:

   - Continue on Cedar Grove Street.
   - Turn right onto Belleville Avenue.
   - Turn right onto Kilburn Street.

6. **Closure of Cedar Grove Street Ramp onto I-195 westbound during all hours 24/7.**

   Drivers will be detoured as follows:

- Proceed to Mount Pleasant Street.
- Turn right onto Coggeshall Street.
- Continue on Coggeshall Street.
- Access I-195 westbound via the on-ramp.

7. **Closure of I-195 westbound exit 26 to Route 18 southbound (Ramp C) until the summer of 2027.**

   Westbound drivers will be detoured as follows:

   - Continue on I-195 westbound.
   - Take exit 24A.
   - Take exit 2A toward Cape Cod to merge onto I-195 eastbound.
   - Take exit 26 on the right.

8. **Closure of I-195 westbound on-ramp from Route 18 (Ramp D) until the summer of 2027.**

   Westbound drivers will be detoured as follows:

   - Take the exit for I-195 eastbound toward Cape Cod.
   - Continue on I-195 eastbound.
   - Take exit 31B to North Street.
   - Follow signs to re-enter I-195 westbound.

9. **Closure of Purchase Street between Cedar Grove Street and Penniman Street (drivers and pedestrians) from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., as needed. Work will alternate between a northbound or southbound closure.**

   Northbound drivers will be detoured as follows:

   - Turn left onto Clark Street.
   - Turn right onto County Street.
   - Turn right onto Coggeshall Street.

   Northbound pedestrians will be detoured as follows:

   - Turn left onto Penniman Street.
   - Turn right onto County Street.
   - Turn right onto Cedar Grove Street.

Southbound drivers will be detoured as follows:

- Turn right onto Coggeshall Street.
- Turn left onto County Street.
- Turn right onto Penniman Street.

Southbound pedestrians will be detoured as follows:

- Turn left onto Cedar Grove Street.
- Turn right onto County Street.
- Turn right onto Penniman Street.

10. Closure of State Street between Cedar Grove Street and Penniman Street (drivers and pedestrians) during all hours 24/7.

- Continue on Cedar Grove Street.
- Turn left onto County Street.
- Turn left onto Penniman Street.
- Turn left onto Purchase Street.

11. Closure of I-195 eastbound exit 25 to Penniman Street from 7:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. the following morning, as needed.

Drivers will be detoured as follows:

- Continue on I-195 eastbound.
- Take exit 27.
- Turn right onto Belleville Avenue.
- Turn left onto Coggeshall Street.
- Turn left onto Mount Pleasant Street.
- Turn left onto Penniman Street.

12. Closure of Route 18 northbound ramp to I-195 eastbound from 7:30 pm to 5:30 a.m. the following morning, as needed.

- Continue northbound on Route 18.
- Turn right onto Coggeshall Street.
- Turn right onto Belleville Avenue.
- Turn left onto Washburn Street.
- Follow detour signs to access I-195 eastbound.

13. **Closure of I-195 westbound exit 28 to Coggeshall Street from 7:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. the following morning, as needed.**

    Drivers will be detoured as follows:

    - Continue onto I-195 westbound.
    - Take exit 24A.
    - Take exit 2A towards Cape Cod.
    - Merge onto I-195 eastbound.
    - From I-195 eastbound, take exit 27.

14. **Closure of Belleville Avenue between Washburn Street and Cedar Grove Street from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., as needed.**

    Northbound drivers will be detoured as follows:

    - Head southbound on Belleville Avenue.
    - Turn right onto Kilburn Street.
    - Turn right onto North Street.
    - Turn right onto Cedar Grove Street.

    Southbound drivers will be detoured as follows:

    - Turn right onto Cedar Grove Street.
    - Turn left onto North Street.
    - Turn left onto Washburn Street.

15. **Closure of Kenyon Street between Belleville Avenue and North Front Street from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., as needed.**

    Drivers will be detoured as follows:

    - Continue on Belleville Avenue.
    - Turn left onto Cedar Grove Street.
    - Turn left onto North Front Street.

16. **Lane closure on Penniman Street between State Street and Purchase Street from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. as needed.**

17. **Lane closure on Route 18 northbound or southbound from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., as needed.**

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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