

# New Jersey Turnpike Authority

P.O. Box 5042, Woodbridge, NJ 07095



January 27, 2026

## Document Change Announcement

### *Manual for Traffic Control in Work Zones*

### *Traffic Manual Appendix A Update*

**DCA2026TM-01**

**Subject: Revisions to  
Appendix A**

#### **Description of Change:**

This DCA extends the holiday and heavy traffic day restriction dates noted in Appendix A of the Manual for Traffic Control in Work Zones for the years 2026 through 2034 and revises the list of recognized heavy traffic days in Table A-3.

#### **Notice to New Jersey Turnpike Authority Staff and Design Consultants**

Effective immediately, all contracts currently in the design phase shall incorporate the revisions herein. For advertised contracts awaiting the opening of bids this revision shall be incorporated via addendum. Contact your New Jersey Turnpike Authority Project Manager for instruction.

The revisions may be accessed on the Authority's webpage: <https://www.njta.gov/business-hub/professional-services/document-change-announcements/>

#### **Recommended By:**

*(signature on original)*

---

Lamis T. Malak, P.E.  
Deputy Chief Engineer - Design

*(signature on original)*

---

Robert Higham, P.E.  
Deputy Chief Engineer - Construction

#### **Approved By:**

*(signature on original)*

---

Daniel L. Hesslein, P.E.  
Chief Engineer

*Distribution: Senior Staff Engineering, Law, Operations Depts., UTCA, AGC, All Prequalified Consultant Firms, File*

New Jersey Turnpike Authority  
Manual for Traffic Control in Work Zones

---

## APPENDIX A

### Holiday and Heavy Traffic Day Restrictions

#### Introduction

Table A-1 provides the dates and hours when Holiday restrictions are in effect for the New Jersey Turnpike through the year 2034. Tables A-2 and A-3 provide the dates and hours when Holiday and Heavy Traffic Day restrictions, respectively, are in effect for the Garden State Parkway through the year 2034.

The restrictions in Tables A-1 through A-3 apply to all work activities that impede the free movement of vehicles within the traveled way, including slowdowns and installation or removal of closures, with two exceptions:

1. Work behind barrier along the left or right side of the roadway, but not in a split shift where same-direction traffic may pass to either side
2. Shoulder closures established by cone, or daytime short duration shoulder closures not located at ramp terminals, are allowed on the following days:
  - Wednesday before Easter (Turnpike)
  - Thursday before Easter (Turnpike and Parkway)
  - Monday after Easter (Turnpike and Parkway)
  - Thursday before Labor Day (Turnpike and Parkway)
  - Tuesday after Labor Day (Turnpike and Parkway)
  - Tuesday before Thanksgiving (Turnpike and Parkway)
  - Monday after Thanksgiving (Turnpike and Parkway)
  - All days prior to December 24 included within the Christmas restrictions in this Appendix (Turnpike and Parkway)
  - December 27 through December 30 (Turnpike and Parkway)

Work activities allowed for the exempted days on this list are limited to operations that can be ceased within 15 minutes and the work area vacated within 30 minutes.

All other types of work on Holidays and Heavy Traffic Days must be approved by the Director of Operations. This includes any short term or short duration shoulder closures that do not meet all of the criteria in the second exception above.

**New Jersey Turnpike Authority  
Manual for Traffic Control in Work Zones**

**Table A-1. New Jersey Turnpike – Holiday Restrictions**

| HOLIDAY                       |      | YEAR                     |                          |                          |                          |                            |                          |                          |                          |                           |                           |
|-------------------------------|------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|                               |      | 2025                     | 2026                     | 2027                     | 2028                     | 2029                       | 2030                     | 2031                     | 2032                     | 2033                      | 2034                      |
| Easter/<br>Passover           | FROM | 0600, Wed<br>April 16    | 0600, Wed<br>April 1     | 0600, Wed<br>Mar 24      | 0600, Wed<br>April 12    | 0600, Wed<br>March 28      | 0600, Wed<br>April 17    | 0600, Wed<br>April 9     | 0600, Wed<br>March 24    | 0600, Wed<br>April 13     | 0600, Wed<br>April 5      |
|                               | TO   | 0600, Tues<br>April 22   | 0600, Tues<br>April 7    | 0600, Tues<br>Mar 30     | 0600, Tues<br>April 18   | 0600, Tues<br>April 3      | 0600, Tues<br>April 23   | 0600, Tues<br>April 15   | 0600, Tues<br>March 30   | 0600, Tues<br>April 19    | 0600, Tues<br>April 11    |
| Mother's Day                  | FROM | 0600, Sun<br>May 11      | 0600, Sun<br>May 10      | 0600, Sun<br>May 9       | 0600, Sun<br>May 14      | 0600, Sun<br>May 13        | 0600, Sun<br>May 12      | 0600, Sun<br>May 11      | 0600, Sun<br>May 9       | 0600, Sun<br>May 8        | 0600, Sun<br>May 14       |
|                               | TO   | 0600, Mon<br>May 12      | 0600, Mon<br>May 11      | 0600, Mon<br>May 10      | 0600, Mon<br>May 15      | 0600, Mon<br>May 14        | 0600, Mon<br>May 13      | 0600, Mon<br>May 12      | 0600, Mon<br>May 10      | 0600, Mon<br>May 9        | 0600, Mon<br>May 15       |
| Memorial Day                  | FROM | 0600, Thurs<br>May 22    | 0600, Thurs<br>May 21    | 0600, Thurs<br>May 27    | 0600, Thurs<br>May 25    | 0600, Thurs<br>May 24      | 0600, Thurs<br>May 23    | 0600, Thurs<br>May 22    | 0600, Thurs<br>May 27    | 0600, Thurs<br>May 26     | 0600, Thurs<br>May 25     |
|                               | TO   | 1800, Tues<br>May 27     | 1800, Tues<br>May 26     | 1800, Tues<br>June 1     | 1800, Tues<br>May 30     | 1800, Tues<br>May 29       | 1800, Tues<br>May 28     | 1800, Tues<br>May 27     | 1800, Tues<br>June 1     | 1800, Tues<br>May 31      | 1800, Tues<br>May 30      |
| Independence<br>Day           | FROM | 0600, Wed<br>July 2      | 0600, Thurs<br>July 2    | 0600, Thurs<br>July 1    | 0600, Fri<br>June 30     | 0600, Fri<br>June 29       | 0600, Tues<br>July 2     | 0600, Wed<br>July 2      | 0600, Thurs<br>July 1    | 0600, Thurs<br>June 30    | 0600, Thurs<br>June 29    |
|                               | TO   | 1800, Mon<br>July 7      | 0600, Tues<br>July 7     | 0600, Tues<br>July 6     | 0600, Thurs<br>July 6    | 0600, Mon<br>July 9        | 0600, Tues<br>July 9     | 1800, Mon<br>July 7      | 0600, Tues<br>July 6     | 1800, Tues<br>July 5      | 1800, Wed<br>July 5       |
| Labor Day                     | FROM | 0600, Thurs<br>Aug 28    | 0600, Thurs<br>Sept 3    | 0600, Thurs<br>Sept 2    | 0600, Thurs<br>Aug 31    | 0600, Thurs<br>Aug 30      | 0600, Thurs<br>Aug 29    | 0600, Thurs<br>Aug 28    | 0600, Thurs<br>Sept 2    | 0600, Thurs<br>Sept 1     | 0600, Thurs<br>Aug 31     |
|                               | TO   | 1800, Tues<br>Sept 2     | 1800, Tues<br>Sept 8     | 1800, Tues<br>Sept 7     | 1800, Tues<br>Sept 5     | 1800, Tues<br>Sept 4       | 1800, Tues<br>Sept 3     | 1800, Tues<br>Sept 2     | 1800, Tues<br>Sept 7     | 1800, Tues<br>Sept 6      | 1800, Tues<br>Sept 5      |
| Thanksgiving                  | FROM | 0600, Tues<br>Nov 25     | 0600, Tues<br>Nov 24     | 0600, Tues<br>Nov 23     | 0600, Tues<br>Nov 21     | 0600, Tues<br>Nov 20       | 0600, Tues<br>Nov 26     | 0600, Tues<br>Nov 25     | 0600, Tues<br>Nov 23     | 0600, Tues<br>Nov 22      | 0600, Tues<br>Nov 21      |
|                               | TO   | 1800, Mon<br>Dec 1       | 1800, Mon<br>Nov 30      | 1800, Mon<br>Nov 29      | 1800, Mon<br>Nov 27      | 1800, Mon<br>Nov 26        | 1800, Mon<br>Dec 2       | 1800, Mon<br>Dec 1       | 1800, Mon<br>Nov 29      | 1800, Mon<br>Nov 28       | 1800, Mon<br>Nov 27       |
| Christmas – New<br>Year's Day | FROM | 0600, Tues<br>Dec 23     | 0600, Tues<br>Dec 22     | 0600, Wed<br>Dec 22      | 0600, Thurs<br>Dec 21    | 0600, Thurs<br>Dec 20      | 0600, Fri<br>Dec 20      | 0600, Tues<br>Dec 23     | 0600, Wed<br>Dec 22      | 0600, Thurs<br>Dec 22     | 0600, Thurs<br>Dec 21     |
|                               | TO   | 1800, Mon<br>Jan 5, 2026 | 1800, Mon<br>Jan 4, 2027 | 1800, Mon<br>Jan 3, 2028 | 0600, Wed<br>Jan 3, 2029 | 0600, Thurs<br>Jan 3, 2030 | 0600, Fri<br>Jan 3, 2031 | 1800, Mon<br>Jan 5, 2032 | 1800, Mon<br>Jan 3, 2033 | 0600, Tues<br>Jan 3, 2034 | 0600, Tues<br>Jan 3, 2035 |

**New Jersey Turnpike Authority  
Manual for Traffic Control in Work Zones**

**Table A-2. Garden State Parkway – Holiday Restrictions**

| HOLIDAY                       |      | YEAR                     |                          |                          |                          |                            |                          |                          |                          |                           |                           |
|-------------------------------|------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|                               |      | 2025                     | 2026                     | 2027                     | 2028                     | 2029                       | 2030                     | 2031                     | 2032                     | 2033                      | 2034                      |
| Easter/<br>Passover           | FROM | 0600, Wed<br>April 16    | 0600, Wed<br>April 1     | 0600, Wed<br>Mar 24      | 0600, Wed<br>April 12    | 0600, Wed<br>March 28      | 0600, Wed<br>April 17    | 0600, Wed<br>April 9     | 0600, Wed<br>March 24    | 0600, Wed<br>April 13     | 0600, Wed<br>April 5      |
|                               | TO   | 0600, Tues<br>April 22   | 0600, Tues<br>April 7    | 0600, Tues<br>Mar 30     | 0600, Tues<br>April 18   | 0600, Tues<br>April 3      | 0600, Tues<br>April 23   | 0600, Tues<br>April 15   | 0600, Tues<br>March 30   | 0600, Tues<br>April 19    | 0600, Tues<br>April 11    |
| Mother's Day                  | FROM | 0600, Sun<br>May 11      | 0600, Sun<br>May 10      | 0600, Sun<br>May 9       | 0600, Sun<br>May 14      | 0600, Sun<br>May 13        | 0600, Sun<br>May 12      | 0600, Sun<br>May 11      | 0600, Sun<br>May 9       | 0600, Sun<br>May 8        | 0600, Sun<br>May 14       |
|                               | TO   | 0600, Mon<br>May 12      | 0600, Mon<br>May 11      | 0600, Mon<br>May 10      | 0600, Mon<br>May 15      | 0600, Mon<br>May 14        | 0600, Mon<br>May 13      | 0600, Mon<br>May 12      | 0600, Mon<br>May 10      | 0600, Mon<br>May 9        | 0600, Mon<br>May 15       |
| Memorial Day                  | FROM | 0600, Thurs<br>May 22    | 0600, Thurs<br>May 21    | 0600, Thurs<br>May 27    | 0600, Thurs<br>May 25    | 0600, Thurs<br>May 24      | 0600, Thurs<br>May 23    | 0600, Thurs<br>May 22    | 0600, Thurs<br>May 27    | 0600, Thurs<br>May 26     | 0600, Thurs<br>May 25     |
|                               | TO   | 1800, Tues<br>May 27     | 1800, Tues<br>May 26     | 1800, Tues<br>June 1     | 1800, Tues<br>May 30     | 1800, Tues<br>May 29       | 1800, Tues<br>May 28     | 1800, Tues<br>May 27     | 1800, Tues<br>June 1     | 1800, Tues<br>May 31      | 1800, Tues<br>May 30      |
| Independence<br>Day           | FROM | 0600, Wed<br>July 2      | 0600, Thurs<br>July 2    | 0600, Thurs<br>July 1    | 0600, Fri<br>June 30     | 0600, Fri<br>June 29       | 0600, Tues<br>July 2     | 0600, Wed<br>July 2      | 0600, Thurs<br>July 1    | 0600, Thurs<br>June 30    | 0600, Thurs<br>June 29    |
|                               | TO   | 1800, Mon<br>July 7      | 0600, Tues<br>July 7     | 0600, Tues<br>July 6     | 0600, Thurs<br>July 6    | 0600, Mon<br>July 9        | 0600, Tues<br>July 9     | 1800, Mon<br>July 7      | 0600, Tues<br>July 6     | 1800, Tues<br>July 5      | 1800, Wed<br>July 5       |
| Labor Day                     | FROM | 0600, Thurs<br>Aug 28    | 0600, Thurs<br>Sept 3    | 0600, Thurs<br>Sept 2    | 0600, Thurs<br>Aug 31    | 0600, Thurs<br>Aug 30      | 0600, Thurs<br>Aug 29    | 0600, Thurs<br>Aug 28    | 0600, Thurs<br>Sept 2    | 0600, Thurs<br>Sept 1     | 0600, Thurs<br>Aug 31     |
|                               | TO   | 1800, Tues<br>Sept 2     | 1800, Tues<br>Sept 8     | 1800, Tues<br>Sept 7     | 1800, Tues<br>Sept 5     | 1800, Tues<br>Sept 4       | 1800, Tues<br>Sept 3     | 1800, Tues<br>Sept 2     | 1800, Tues<br>Sept 7     | 1800, Tues<br>Sept 6      | 1800, Tues<br>Sept 5      |
| Thanksgiving                  | FROM | 0600, Tues<br>Nov 25     | 0600, Tues<br>Nov 24     | 0600, Tues<br>Nov 23     | 0600, Tues<br>Nov 21     | 0600, Tues<br>Nov 20       | 0600, Tues<br>Nov 26     | 0600, Tues<br>Nov 25     | 0600, Tues<br>Nov 23     | 0600, Tues<br>Nov 22      | 0600, Tues<br>Nov 21      |
|                               | TO   | 1800, Mon<br>Dec 1       | 1800, Mon<br>Nov 30      | 1800, Mon<br>Nov 29      | 1800, Mon<br>Nov 27      | 1800, Mon<br>Nov 26        | 1800, Mon<br>Dec 2       | 1800, Mon<br>Dec 1       | 1800, Mon<br>Nov 29      | 1800, Mon<br>Nov 28       | 1800, Mon<br>Nov 27       |
| Christmas – New<br>Year's Day | FROM | 0600, Tues<br>Dec 23     | 0600, Tues<br>Dec 22     | 0600, Wed<br>Dec 22      | 0600, Thurs<br>Dec 21    | 0600, Thurs<br>Dec 20      | 0600, Fri<br>Dec 20      | 0600, Tues<br>Dec 23     | 0600, Wed<br>Dec 22      | 0600, Thurs<br>Dec 22     | 0600, Thurs<br>Dec 21     |
|                               | TO   | 1800, Mon<br>Jan 5, 2026 | 1800, Mon<br>Jan 4, 2027 | 1800, Mon<br>Jan 3, 2028 | 0600, Wed<br>Jan 3, 2029 | 0600, Thurs<br>Jan 3, 2030 | 0600, Fri<br>Jan 3, 2031 | 1800, Mon<br>Jan 5, 2032 | 1800, Mon<br>Jan 3, 2033 | 0600, Tues<br>Jan 3, 2034 | 0600, Tues<br>Jan 3, 2035 |

**New Jersey Turnpike Authority  
Manual for Traffic Control in Work Zones**

**Table A-3. Garden State Parkway –  
Heavy Traffic Day Restrictions**

| HEAVY TRAFFIC DAY   |   | YEAR                  |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |
|---|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|   |   | 2025                  | 2026                  | 2027                  | 2028                  | 2029                  | 2030                  | 2031                  | 2032                  | 2033                  | 2034                  |
| Opening Day –<br>New Jersey<br>Education<br>Association<br>Convention | FROM  | 0500, Thurs<br>Nov 6  | 0500, Thurs<br>Nov 5  | 0500, Thurs<br>Nov 4  | 0500, Thurs<br>Nov 9  | 0500, Thurs<br>Nov 8  | 0500, Thurs<br>Nov 7  | 0500, Thurs<br>Nov 6  | 0500, Thurs<br>Nov 4  | 0500, Thurs<br>Nov 3  | 0500, Thurs<br>Nov 2  |
|   | TO  | 2200, Thurs<br>Nov 6  | 2200, Thurs<br>Nov 5  | 2200, Thurs<br>Nov 4  | 2200, Thurs<br>Nov 9  | 2200, Thurs<br>Nov 8  | 2200, Thurs<br>Nov 7  | 2200, Thurs<br>Nov 6  | 2200, Thurs<br>Nov 4  | 2200, Thurs<br>Nov 3  | 2200, Thurs<br>Nov 2  |
|   | Dates and times above apply <u>southbound</u> only to the first day of the two-day Conference, between Interchanges 83 and 36.                          |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| Closing Day –<br>New Jersey<br>Education<br>Association<br>Convention | FROM  | 0500, Fri<br>Nov 7    | 0500, Fri<br>Nov 6    | 0500, Fri<br>Nov 5    | 0500, Fri<br>Nov 10   | 0500, Fri<br>Nov 9    | 0500, Fri<br>Nov 8    | 0500, Fri<br>Nov 7    | 0500, Fri<br>Nov 5    | 0500, Fri<br>Nov 4    | 0500, Fri<br>Nov 3    |
|   | TO  | 2200, Fri<br>Nov 7    | 2200, Fri<br>Nov 6    | 2200, Fri<br>Nov 5    | 2200, Fri<br>Nov 10   | 2200, Fri<br>Nov 9    | 2200, Fri<br>Nov 8    | 2200, Fri<br>Nov 7    | 2200, Fri<br>Nov 5    | 2200, Fri<br>Nov 4    | 2200, Fri<br>Nov 3    |
|   | Dates and times above apply <u>northbound</u> only to the second day of the two-day Conference, between Interchanges 36 and 83.                         |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| New Jersey State<br>League of<br>Municipalities<br>Conference         | FROM  | 0500, Thurs<br>Nov 20 | 0500, Thurs<br>Nov 19 | 0500, Thurs<br>Nov 18 | 0500, Thurs<br>Nov 16 | 0500, Thurs<br>Nov 15 | 0500, Thurs<br>Nov 21 | 0500, Thurs<br>Nov 20 | 0500, Thurs<br>Nov 18 | 0500, Thurs<br>Nov 17 | 0500, Thurs<br>Nov 16 |
|   | TO  | 2359, Thurs<br>Nov 20 | 2359, Thurs<br>Nov 19 | 2359, Thurs<br>Nov 18 | 2359, Thurs<br>Nov 16 | 2359, Thurs<br>Nov 15 | 2359, Thurs<br>Nov 21 | 2359, Thurs<br>Nov 20 | 2359, Thurs<br>Nov 18 | 2359, Thurs<br>Nov 17 | 2359, Thurs<br>Nov 16 |
|   | Dates and times above apply <u>northbound</u> only to the final day of the three-day Conference, between Interchange 36 and the Asbury Park Toll Plaza. |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |

All dates and times in Table A-3 are subject to change due to modifications and/or adjustments to convention and conference calendars.