

**CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

**Access to Staten Island-Bound Goethals Bridge via New Temporary Ramp**

**Project Background**

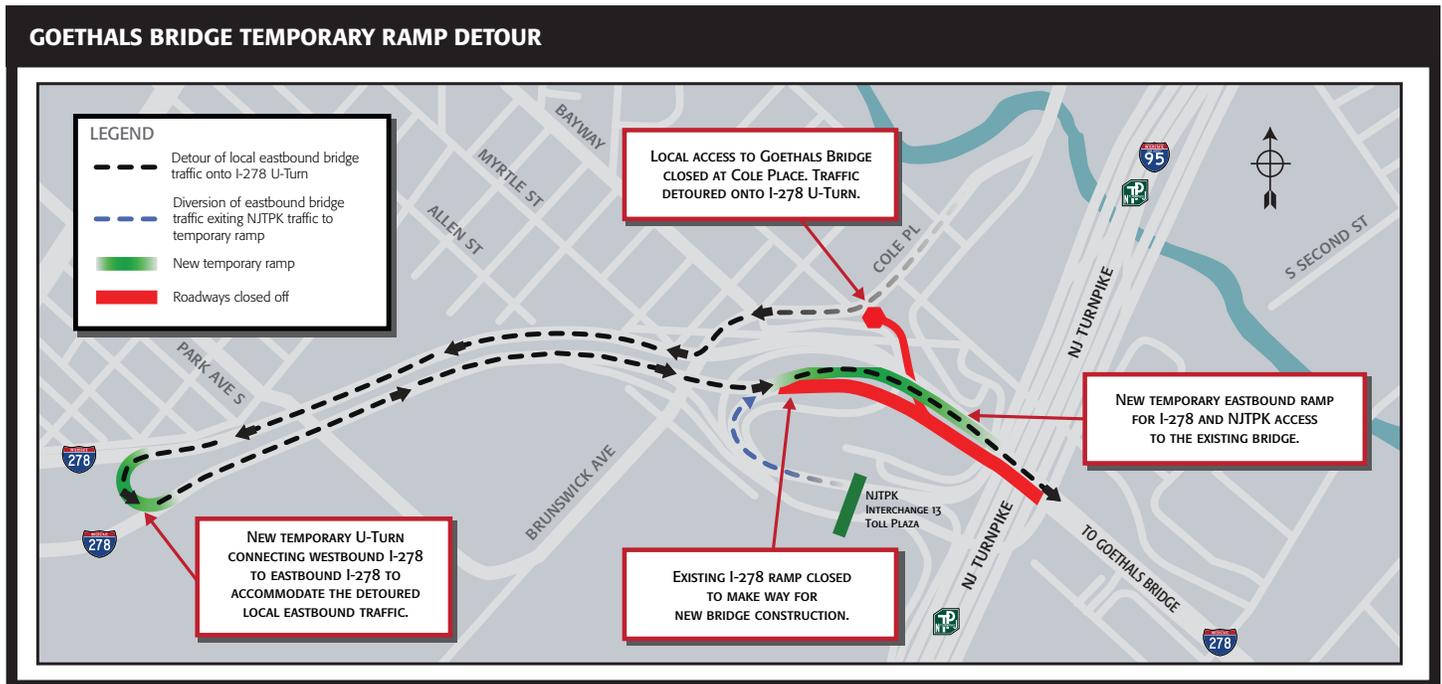
The Goethals Bridge Replacement Project is a \$1.5 billion public/private partnership created to design, finance and construct a replacement bridge that would be capable of handling present-day traffic volume, commercial growth and modern standards.

Motorists exiting the New Jersey Turnpike at Interchange 13 and motorists travelling on I-278 will be diverted on to this temporary ramp leading to the Staten-Island bound Goethals Bridge. Local traffic using the ramp at Cole Place, in Elizabeth, N.J., will be detoured westbound to I-278 and then follow a newly constructed U-turn connecting to I-278 eastbound and the new approach ramp.

**Temporary Detour and New Traffic Pattern**

**Beginning in early May 2015**, Goethals Bridge motorists traveling eastbound to Staten Island will be re-routed to a new temporary approach ramp as construction continues on the Goethals Bridge Replacement Project.

The temporary ramp and new traffic pattern for access to the New York-bound Goethals Bridge will permit significant construction to proceed on the Goethals Bridge Replacement Project. It will remain in place for approximately two years.





Existing Goethals Bridge



New Goethals Bridge rendering



New Goethals Bridge rendering



New Goethals Bridge rendering



New Goethals Bridge rendering

## Ways to Stay in Touch

- ▶ Sign up to receive email updates on the Goethals Bridge Replacement Project at [www.panynj.gov/GoethalsBridge](http://www.panynj.gov/GoethalsBridge).
- ▶ For a schedule of work that will affect traffic, visit [www.panynj.gov/TrafficAdvisory](http://www.panynj.gov/TrafficAdvisory).
- ▶ To receive the latest updates via e-alert, register at [www.BridgeAndTunnelAlerts.com](http://www.BridgeAndTunnelAlerts.com).

## Economic Benefits

- ▶ Construction jobs – 2,250
- ▶ Total economic activity for the region – \$872 million
- ▶ Wages – \$224 million

*(Note: figures above are estimates.)*

Thank you for your patience and cooperation while these improvements are under way.