



IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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FDR DRIVE: 24-HOUR FULL CLOSURE OF NORTHBOUND LANES FOR NECESSARY REPAIRS BETWEEN E. HOUSTON AND E. 20TH STREETS FROM 9 P.M. TUESDAY, AUG. 18TH UNTIL 9 P.M. WEDNESDAY, AUG. 19TH

The Department of Transportation (DOT) advises motorists that all three northbound lanes of the FDR Drive will be closed to traffic from East Houston Street to East 20th Street beginning at 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 18th and continuing until 9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19th. These lanes will be closed to facilitate roadway repair work between East 14th and East 20th Streets. Upon completion of this work, one northbound lane will remain closed until further notice. NYPD traffic agents will be stationed along detour routes (listed below) along with fixed and variable message signs will be located throughout the impacted area during the closure. The southbound lanes of the FDR Drive will remain open throughout this period.

Detour information:

Northbound FDR Drive main roadway:

All northbound vehicles must exit the FDR Drive at East Houston Street and continue westbound along Houston Street and make a right onto First Avenue. Motorists then proceed northbound on First to East 23rd Street, turn right and drive two blocks east to the FDR Drive, where access resumes.

Three entrances to the FDR Drive will be closed. Detours follow:

Northbound entrance to the FDR Drive at South Street and Montgomery Street:

The northbound entrance to the FDR Drive from South/Montgomery Streets will be closed during this construction. Motorists traveling northbound on South Street are advised to turn left onto northbound Montgomery Street and proceed to Grand Street, make a left and travel along Grand Street to Allen Street. At Allen, make a right turn and proceed northbound (Allen becomes First Avenue) to East 23rd Street, then turn right and proceed east to the FDR, where access resumes.

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Northbound entrance to the FDR Drive at Pearl Street (two entrances):

Two entrances will be closed during this period:

From southbound Pearl, take either the southbound FDR Drive to the West Side Highway, or proceed to South Street, turn left and proceed northbound to Montgomery Street. Turn left onto northbound Montgomery to Grand Street, make a left and travel along Grand to Allen Street. At Allen, make a right turn and proceed northbound to East 23rd Street (Allen becomes First Avenue), then turn right and proceed east to the FDR, where access resumes.

From northbound Pearl, continue northbound past the FDR entrance and turn right onto Madison Street. Proceed on Madison eastbound to Pike Street, then turn left onto Pike and continue northbound for three blocks, where Pike turns into Allen Street. Proceed northbound on Allen to East 23rd Street (Allen becomes First Avenue), then turn right and proceed east to the FDR, where access resumes.

Southbound Exit from the FDR Drive at East Houston Street:

The Southbound exit for East Houston Street will be closed during this period. Motorists will be directed to use the next southbound exit, at Grand Street (approximately a quarter-mile south of Houston). Motorists will then be directed to make a right turn onto westbound Grand Street and make a right onto northbound Pitt Street, which ends at East Houston Street.