

# **City of New Bedford: “Heads up! MBTA is closing parts of Rt. 18 to work on pedestrian bridge.”**

## **“HEADS UP FOR ROUTE 18 DRIVERS:**

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority – MBTA is closing parts of Route 18 overnight next week to work on the new pedestrian bridge.

For construction-related issues on the pedestrian bridge project, please call 508-676-3558 or email or [SouthCoastRail@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:SouthCoastRail@dot.state.ma.us).”-City of New Bedford.

## New Bedford: Pedestrian Bridge Overnight Work and Detours

Construction continues for the new pedestrian bridge across Route 18 and Acushnet Avenue connecting to the New Bedford Station.

As crews begin to start erection of the permanent bridge steel structure over Route 18, night work and detours on Route 18 and adjacent roads are expected to resume next week.

The following is a list of possible closures to be implemented [beginning Tuesday, April 16](#). Signage and police details will be in place to direct traffic.

**Acushnet Avenue:** traffic will be diverted to Herman Melville Boulevard

**Route 18 Northbound at Route 6/Mill Street and Hillman Street:** traffic will be diverted to Herman Melville Boulevard and Purchase Street (see detour map below)

**Route 18 Southbound at Purchase Street exit:** traffic will be diverted to Purchase Street (see detour map below)

**Route 18 Purchase Street Ramp:** Traffic will be diverted to the next Route 18 exit (Route 6 West exit onto Pleasant Street/Purchase Street)



**Location of work:** •Purchase Street (between Pearl Street and Willis Street)  
•Near the MassHire Greater New Bedford Career Center (618 Acushnet Ave)  
•Route 18 at the Purchase Street exit

**Dates/Hours of Work:** •Weekdays, 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM •Nighttime work hours, 8:00 PM to 5:00 AM

To accommodate the construction of the west side plaza of the bridge, there will be no street parking on the east side of Purchase Street between Pearl Street and Willis Street.

*City of New Bedford photo.*