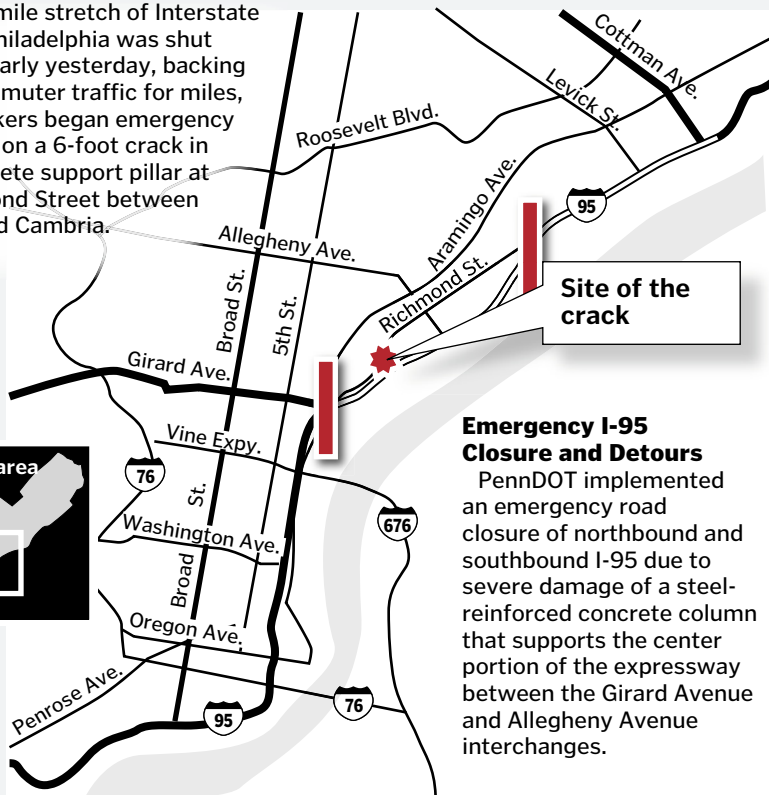


# NAVIGATING THE I-95 MESS

A two-mile stretch of Interstate 95 in Philadelphia was shut down early yesterday, backing up commuter traffic for miles, as workers began emergency repairs on a 6-foot crack in a concrete support pillar at Richmond Street between Ann and Cambria.



**Site of the crack**

## Emergency I-95 Closure and Detours

PennDOT implemented an emergency road closure of northbound and southbound I-95 due to severe damage of a steel-reinforced concrete column that supports the center portion of the expressway between the Girard Avenue and Allegheny Avenue interchanges.

SEPTA said that commuters impacted by the closure of I-95 could take the R3 West Trenton and R7 Trenton regional rail lines, as well as the Market-Frankford Line subway/elevated service.

SEPTA will add extra cars to trains on the R7 line during the morning and evening rush hours.

Eight cars (totaling 1,000 additional seats) will be added to the morning rush hour and nine extra cars (with 1,100 extra seats) will be available for R7 commuters during the evening rush hour.

SEPTA trolley Route 15 will operate with shuttle buses between Richmond & Allegheny and Richmond & Cumberland.

SEPTA's customer-service department will be available at 215-580-7800 until 10 p.m. Information is also available online at SEPTA.org.

**Detours are being posted to move traffic around the section of I-95 that is closed to traffic. The detours are:**

**Trucks:** Large trucks traveling on I-95 are being detoured over Interstate 676 (exit 22), Interstate 76, Route 1/ Roosevelt Boulevard and Route 63/Woodhaven Road (exit 35).

**Northbound cars:** Northbound motorists driving conventional vehicles will exit I-95 at Girard Avenue (exit 23)

and then bear left onto Aramingo Avenue. They will follow Aramingo to Castor Avenue, turn right at Castor and then turn right at the ramp to I-95 north.

**Southbound cars:** Southbound motorists driving conventional vehicles will exit I-95 at Betsy Ross Bridge/ Aramingo Avenue. (exit 26), then turn right at Aramingo and follow Aramingo to the I-95 south on-ramp at the Girard Avenue interchange.

For travel within Philadelphia, the following ramps to I-95 will be closed during the emergency interstate closure:

- I-676 east ramp to I-95 north
- Lombard Street ramp to I-95 north
- Girard Avenue ramp to I-95 north
- Race Street ramp to I-95 north
- Allegheny Avenue ramp to I-95 south
- Betsy Ross Bridge ramp to I-95 south
- Bridge Street ramp to I-95 south

## Alternate routes for traffic that can bypass Philadelphia:

**Northbound I-95:** Traffic will exit at 476 north (Blue Route) in Delaware County. Take the Pa. Turnpike at the Mid-County Interchange and continue east to Route 1 (Exit 333). Proceed north on Route 1 and then use I-95 north where Route 1 and I-95 merge (in Bucks County near Oxford Valley).

**Southbound I-95:** Traffic will exit at Route 1. Take Route 1 to the Turnpike (I-276 west) to the Mid-County Interchange. Take 476 south to I-95 south.

**Suggested alternate route for southbound traffic in the Northeast section of the city:** Use Frankford Avenue south.