

FIFA World Cup 2026



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Overview



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- **Tournament:** FIFA World Cup 2026 runs June 11–July 19.
- **Fan Fest:** Various locations (NJ/NY), Lemon Hill (PA)
- **Same Day Matches:** NYNJ and PA will host three matches on the same day. With two matches at the same time.
- **Celebrations:** U.S. 250th birthday. Sail4th250 in NYC harbor, POTUS attendance, MLB All-Star Game July 14th, and Bon Jovi concerts

NY/NJ Match Schedule

DATE	TIME	TEAMS	
June 13, 2026	6:00 PM ET		Brazil v. Morocco 
June 16, 2026	3:00 PM ET		France v. Senegal 
June 22, 2026	8:00 PM ET		Norway v. Senegal 
June 25, 2026	4:00 PM ET		Ecuador v. Germany 
June 27, 2026	5:00 PM ET		Panama v. England 
June 30, 2026	5:00 PM ET	Round of 32	
July 5, 2026	4:00 PM ET	Round of 16	
July 19, 2026	3:00 PM ET	FIFA WORLD CUP FINAL	



NJDOT & TAYLOR SWIFT

- 2023 Eras Tour Traffic:
- **On average, vehicle hours of delay (VHD) increased 90% on the roadways around stadiums where the Eras Tour took place, for 25 concerts from March to May.**
- Glendale, Arizona's State Farm Stadium had the worst Eras Tour traffic impact with delays up 315% on average.
- **However, when Taylor came here to MetLife Stadium, VHD actually DECREASED to an average of 19% less on concert nights than on regular nights thanks to increased NJT trains and ridership.**



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Club World Cup 2025-SAFETY ISSUES



Pedestrians walking along Rt 120 and other roadways/ramps.



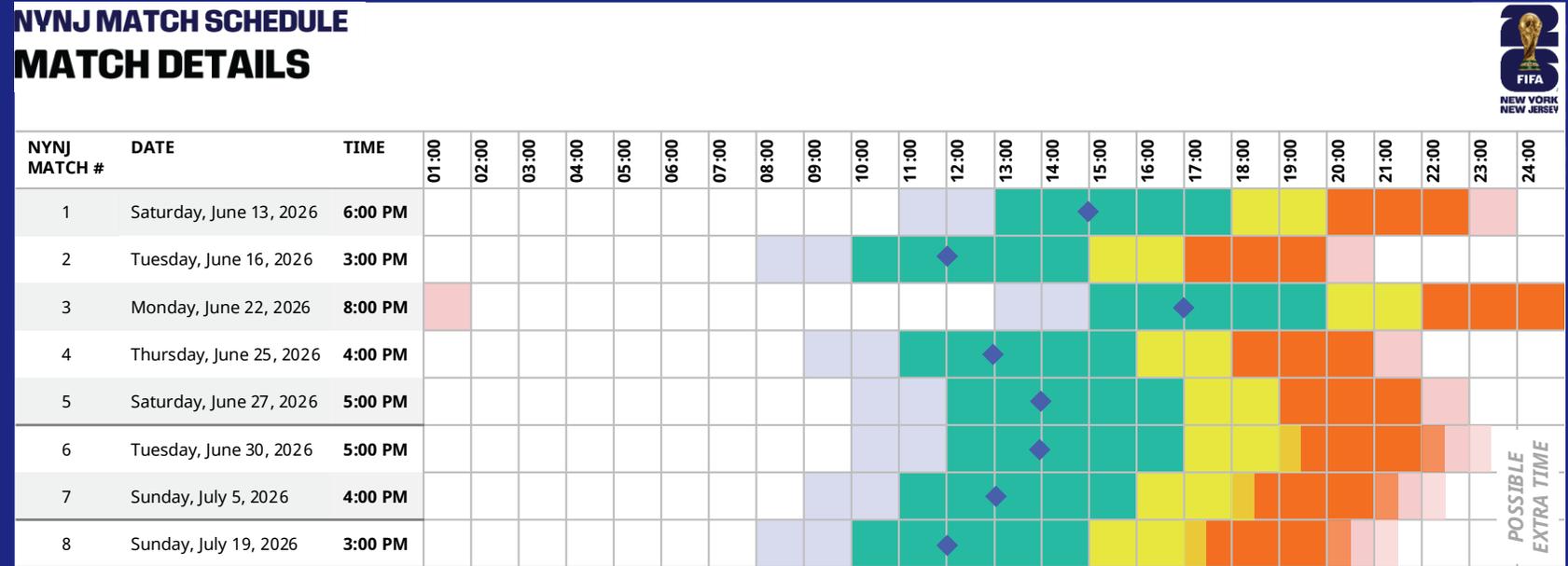
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Metlife Stadium Transport Plan

- **Parking:** 5,000 parking will be allocated at American Dream Mall for ticket holders
- **Transit Plan:** NJ Transit trains and buses will move 20,000 fans/hour.
- **Coordination Needed:** Implementation of a dedicated lane to provide traffic support for approx. 3,500+ FIFA Fleet between the Lincoln Tunnel and MetLife.



LEGEND

- PRE-INGRESS PREPARATIONS
- TRANSPORTATION INGRESS SERVICES (TBC)
- MATCH TIME
- TRANSPORTATION EGRESS SERVICES
- POST-EGRESS OPERATIONS
- STADIUM GATES OPEN



Construction Projects



Route Upgrades: NJDOT improving aesthetics along FWC26 routes.



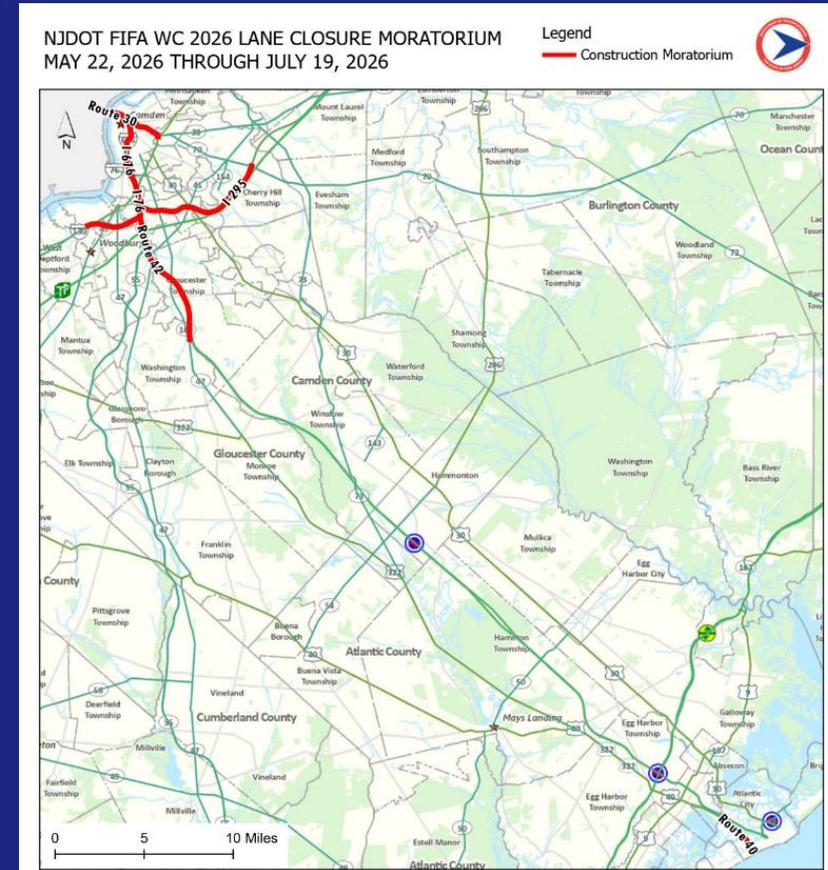
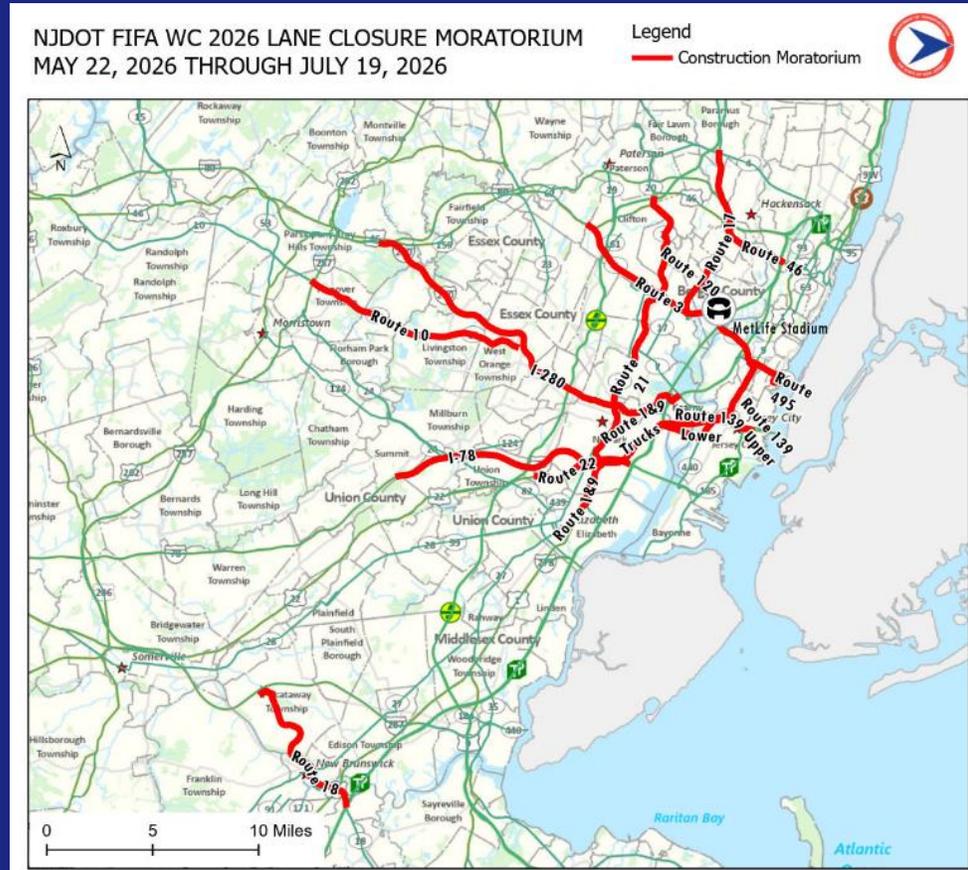
ITS Improvements and upgrade



Hard Shoulder Construction to Support NJT Rapid Bus Transport

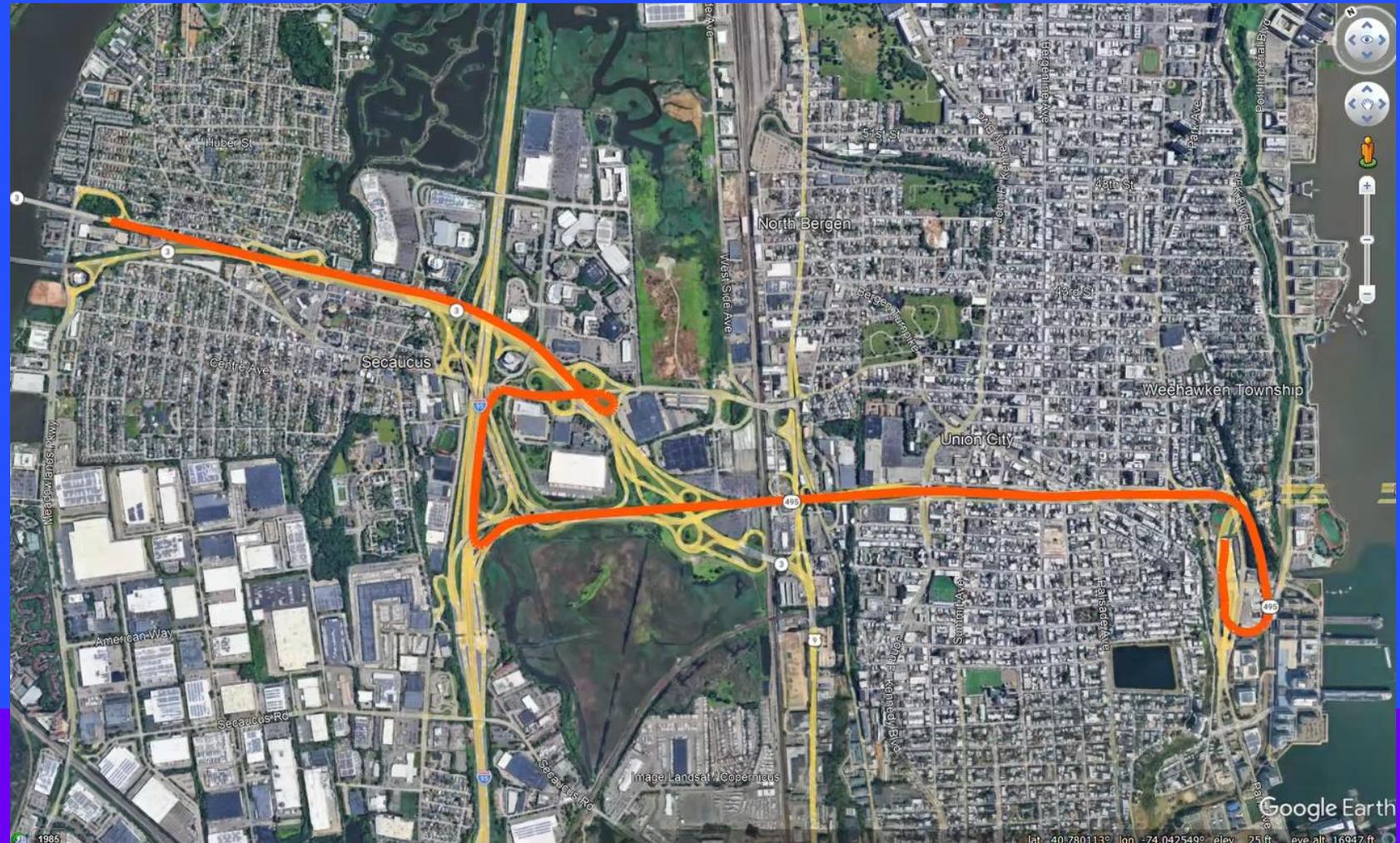
Lane Closure and Construction Moratorium

- **Traffic Surge:** Event expected to significantly increase regional travel demand.
- **Effective:** May 22–July 20, 2026.
- **Construction Embargo:** a temporary construction activity embargo within its Right-of-Way (ROW) as well as not permitting any new lane closures, ramp closures, moving operation, shoulder closures, new permanent traffic patterns **(unless there is an emergency)**

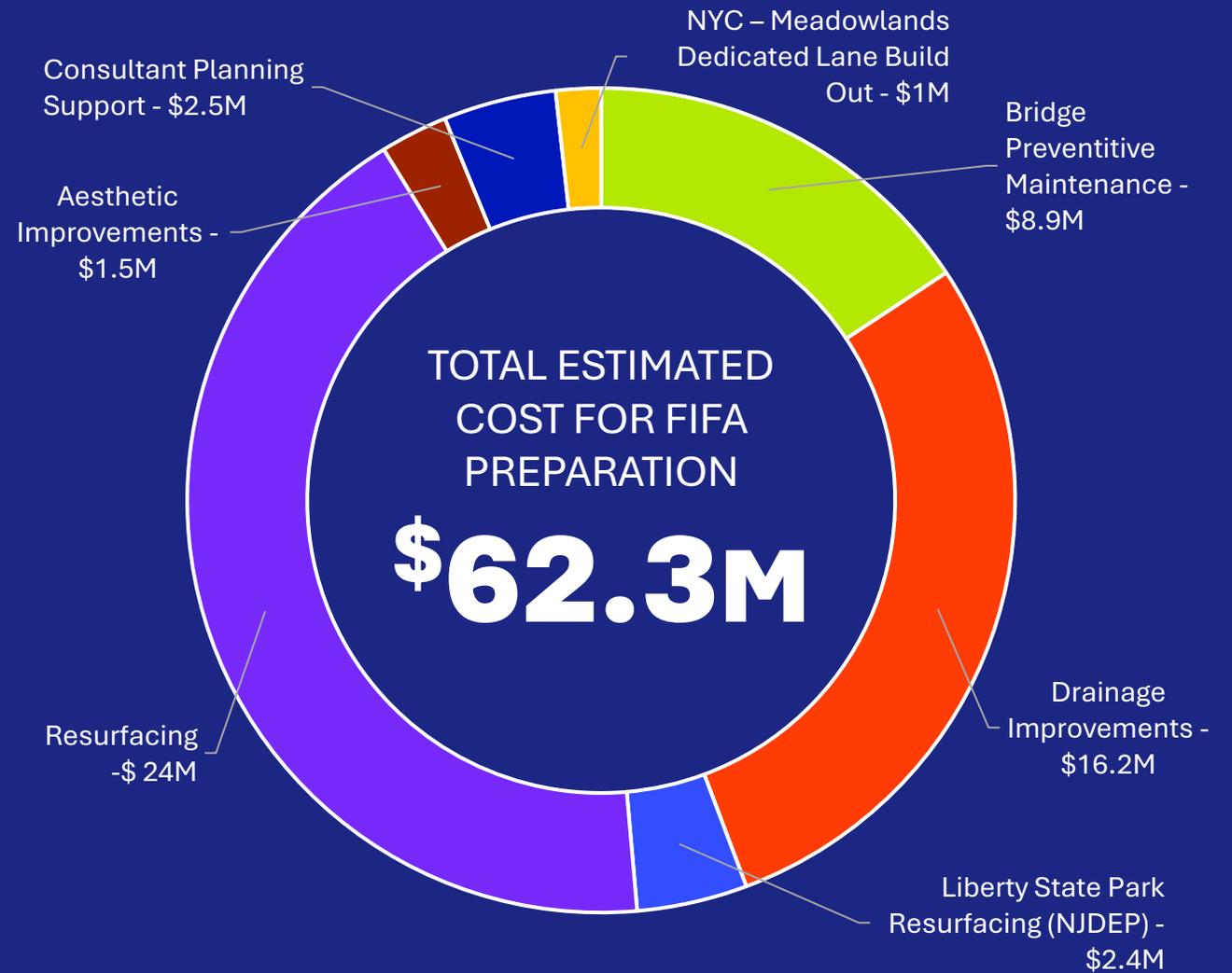


Dedicated Lanes Between NYC and The Meadowlands Complex

- **Dedicated Lanes:** Special routes for 3,800+ FIFA Fleet and VVIP guests from designated pickup location in NYC to Meadowlands Complex.
- **Dual Purpose:** Supports contingency plan for NJ Transit rail disruptions.
- **Design:** No physical barrier, thermoplastic striping, Dynamic Message Signs, distinctive temporary marking
- **Match-Day Control:** Law enforcement and effective communication, and a public engagement campaign

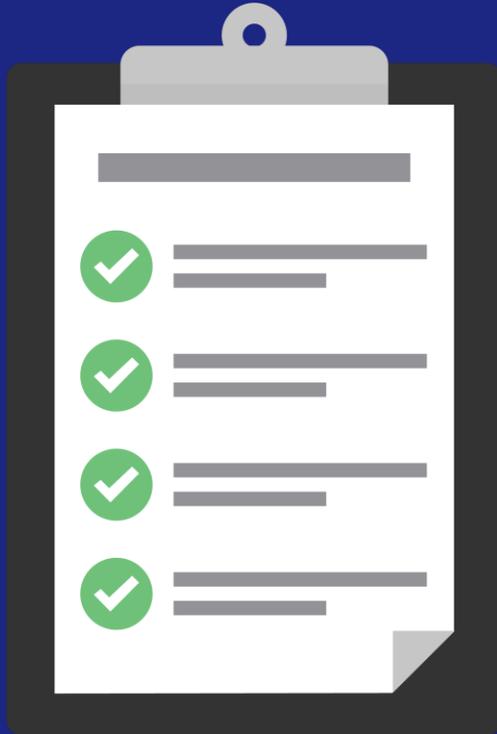


NJDOT's Estimated Cost Summary for FWC26 Preparation



OPERATIONAL PERIOD 1

1 JUNE THROUGH 9 JUNE, 2026

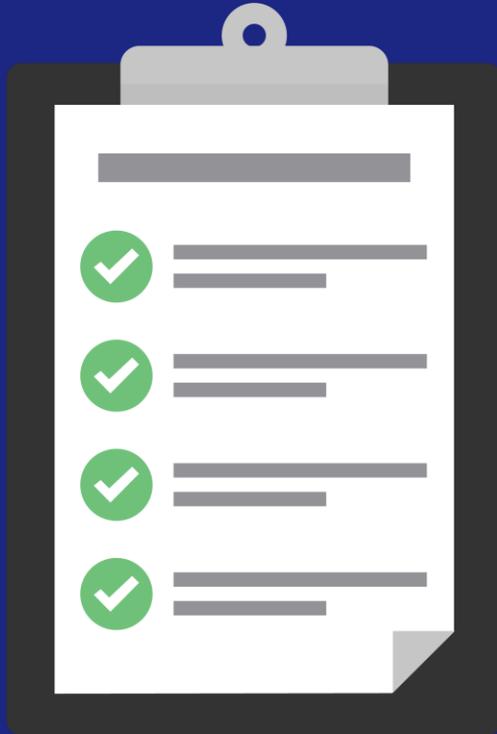


- ✓ Tournament begins; visitors arrive; FanFest final preparations underway.
- ✓ Teams occupy hotels and start using training sites.
- ✓ NJDOT elevates readiness to “Level 1” activation.
- ✓ Activate SEOC and REOCs during normal work hours.
- ✓ Test all communications systems for reliability.
- ✓ Begin issuing daily Situational Reports (SITREPs).
- ✓ Increase litter patrols; inspect and clean drainage systems.
- ✓ Launch traffic messaging for upcoming alert days.
- ✓ Test ITS connectivity and ATMS integration.
- ✓ Pre-position VMS, cones, barrels, and traffic signs.
- ✓ Top off fuel stations for operational readiness.

OPERATIONAL PERIOD 2

10 JUNE THROUGH 3 JULY, 2026

(GROUP STAGE MATCHES 11 JUNE – 27 JUNE, ROUND 32: 28 JUNE – 3 JULY)

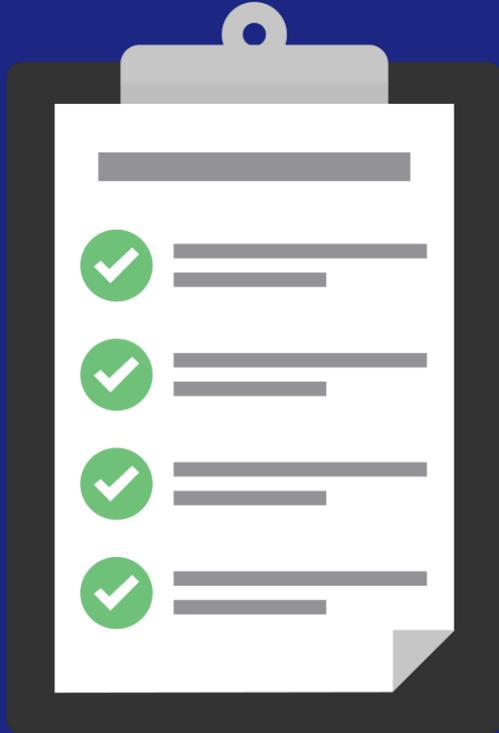


- ✓ **Intense Period:** Matches, FanFest, and 250th celebrations in full swing.
- ✓ **Level 2 Activation:** SEOC and regional centers staffed extended hours.
- ✓ **Shift Management:** EL-15 oversight moves from CDU to Regions.
- ✓ **Daily Coordination:** Conference calls with NJSP, NJTA, SJTA, PANYNJ, NJT.
- ✓ **Post-Match Maintenance:** Litter patrols; inspect and clean drainage systems.
- ✓ **Dedicated Lanes:** Activate Lincoln Tunnel–Meadowlands routes on match days.
- ✓ **SSP Patrols:** Increase roadside safety service coverage.
- ✓ **Public Messaging:** Push 511 alerts and traffic updates.
- ✓ **ITS Readiness:** Operationalize and test system connectivity.
- ✓ **Fuel Levels:** Maintain at least 70% capacity.

OPERATIONAL PERIOD 3

4 JULY THROUGH 19 JULY, 2026

(ROUND OF 16, 4 – 7 JULY, QUARTERFINALS 9 – 11 JULY, SEMIFINALS 14 – 15 JULY, FINAL 19 JULY)



- ✓ **Level 2 Activation:** SEOC and regional centers staffed as directed.
- ✓ **Shift Management:** EL-15 oversight moves from CDU to Regions.
- ✓ **Coordination:** Inter-agency calls twice weekly with NJSP, NJTA, SJTA, PANYNJ, NJT.
- ✓ **Maintenance:** Litter patrols and drainage inspections continue in N4 and S1.
- ✓ **SSP Adjustments:** Scale back patrols as needed.
- ✓ **Public Messaging:** Push 511 alerts on traffic alert days.
- ✓ **Traffic Mods:** Implement necessary match-day traffic changes.
- ✓ **Fuel Levels:** Maintain at least 70% capacity.
- ✓ **Lessons Learned:** OEM begins capturing insights for future planning.

NEW JERSEY HISTORY AND CULTURE

