

Construction is scheduled to begin on the new Vince Lombardi Service Area in September 2019

The main building and the truckers' lounge are scheduled to be demolished after Labor Day. Work will then begin on a new facility. Vince Lombardi is one of 16 service areas on the New Jersey Turnpike and Garden State Parkway being rebuilt or remod-

eled over the next five years. The new Vince Lombardi facility is scheduled to be open to the public by Memorial Day 2020. Here are answers to some frequently asked questions about how the construction will affect drivers.

◇ **Will the service area be closed during construction?**

No, but only partial services will be available.

◇ **What about the fuel pumps? Will they remain open?**

They will not. Sunoco is replacing the fuel pumps and building a new convenience store. There will be no fuel available until construction is complete.

◇ **Where are the nearest Turnpike fuel stations?**

The nearest location on the Turnpike for a southbound traveler is about 4.4 miles away at the Alexander Hamilton Service Area on the Eastern Spur between Interchanges 16E and 15E. There are no fuel facilities on the Turnpike north of Vince Lombardi. Northbound drivers are encouraged to stop before they reach Vince Lombardi at the Grover Cleveland Service Area (between interchanges 11 and 12) if they need fuel.

◇ **Will there be bathrooms on site for the public during construction?**

Yes, portable restroom facilities will be provided during construction. They will be open 24/7.

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Service Area Improvements

Sixteen service areas on the New Jersey Turnpike and the Garden State Parkway are being rebuilt or remodeled. Here is the status of the program as of July 2019:

Rebuilds

- Monmouth (Parkway). Opened in the spring of 2019
- Thomas Edison (Turnpike). Opened in the summer of 2019
- Brookdale North (Parkway). A new convenience store opened in the summer of 2019.
- Alexander Hamilton (Turnpike). Scheduled to be completed in early August 2019.
- Vince Lombardi (Turnpike). Construction is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2019.
- Forked River (Parkway). Construction is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2019.
- Joyce Kilmer (Turnpike). Construction is scheduled to begin in 2021
- Walt Whitman (Turnpike). Construction is scheduled to begin in 2021.
- Clara Barton (Turnpike). Construction is scheduled to begin in 2022.
- John Fenwick (Turnpike). Construction is scheduled to begin in 2022.

Remodels

- Richard Stockton (Turnpike). Construction is scheduled to begin 2019
- Woodrow Wilson (Turnpike). Construction is scheduled to begin 2020.
- Molly Pitcher (Turnpike). Construction is scheduled to begin 2020
- James Fenimore Cooper (Turnpike). Construction is scheduled to begin 2021.
- Cheesequake (Parkway). Construction is scheduled to begin 2023.
- Montvale (Parkway). Construction is scheduled to begin 2023.

◇ **Will food be available?**

Yes, but the options will be limited during construction. Two food trucks will operate on site for certain hours of the day. A Starbucks truck will operate from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. A second truck offering sandwiches, hot dogs, and similar fare will operate from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Vending machines will be available 24/7.

◇ **I use the commuter lot at Vince Lombardi. Will I still have access during construction?**

Yes. The lot will remain open during construction, and the NJTRANSIT bus service to and from the Port Authority Bus Terminal in New York will not be affected.

◇ **Will the carpool and vanpool lot remain open?**

Yes.

◇ **How about the truck parking lot?**

The truck lot will remain open throughout the construction phase. Truckers should take note: The 10-hour time limit in this lot will be strictly enforced.

◇ **And the main parking lot?**

The main lot will remain open for drivers who stop to use the vending machines, the food trucks, or the restrooms, but the number of parking spaces will be severely curtailed by the construction activities. The available capacity is expected to decrease by about 80 percent. State Police will continue to enforce the two-hour parking restriction.

◇ **Will the facility be able to accommodate buses during construction?**

Yes. But with the main building closed, Vince Lombardi will not offer ideal accommodations for multiple-hour stays for long-distance bus travelers. Buses are encouraged to use the Alexander Hamilton Service Area instead.