



## Highway ramp in Riverdale in need of repair

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Motorists will be traveling on a patch job for the time being.

According to the Department of Transportation (DOT), the area where the road collapsed on the ramp from southbound Route 23 to southbound Interstate 287 in Riverdale on Oct. 3 collapsed again some six days later on Friday, Oct. 9.

DOT officials said the problem initially occurred due to the collapse of a 42-inch drainpipe. A replacement pipe was not available so a temporary pipe was installed in order to get the roadway opened.

The local quarry Tilcon, NY provided approximately 80 tons of stone and base materials for the repair.

That following Friday, Mayor William Budesheim said a call came into the borough after 6 p.m. reporting that the area had collapsed again.

DOT spokesperson Daniel Triana said, "Due to rain, the temporary pavement on the same ramp from Route 23 southbound to I-287 was washed out causing another collapse. Emergency work was performed and the ramp was temporarily repaved and reopened a few hours later.

"Due to the temporary nature of the work, there is a chance another incident could occur on the ramp as a result of weather conditions.

NJDOT will complete the permanent repair as soon as the proper materials arrive," Triana added.

Mayor Budesheim said there were no traffic backups during the second collapse.

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