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Eastbound side of Ted Williams Tunnel to close overnight Tuesday

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By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

The eastbound side of the Ted Williams Tunnel will close late Tuesday night for maintenance work and reopen early Wednesday morning, state transportation officials said.

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(MassDOT)

The 1.6-mile long Big Dig tunnel that carries the Massachusetts Turnpike under Boston Harbor will be closed from 11 p.m. Tuesday to 5 a.m. Wednesday so the state transportation department can perform maintenance work including cleaning drains and washing walkways, ceilings and walls, the state transportation department announced.

Traffic destined for East Boston and Logan Airport will be directed north onto Atlantic Avenue and then will be steered to turn into the Callahan Tunnel, officials said.

A second detour will be setup to route trucks to use the Interstate 93 northbound ramp from Atlantic Avenue, then take Exit 27 to Route 1 northbound in order to access Route 16 eastbound to Route 1A southbound.

Maintenance crews, State Police and Boston police will set up the closure and detours.

The westbound side of the Ted Williams Tunnel is scheduled to close Tues., Aug. 21 at 11 p.m. before reopening the following day at 5 a.m.

“From April to June, our crews performed twice monthly closures to clean and complete preventative maintenance along I-93 through Boston. In August, this effort will focus on the I-90 Ted Williams Tunnels,” said a statement from MassDOT Highway Administrator Frank DePaola. “Our maintenance teams report the I-93 tunnels are the cleanest they have been since first opening.”

Lane closures are planned in September along I-90 or I-93 in Boston, “depending on work progress,” officials said.

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