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**Renovation Heinenoord Tunnel (A29) starts, with planned closures in February**

**Rijkswaterstaat is renovating the Heinenoord Tunnel on the A29 motorway in 2023 and 2024. This will mean regular closures of the tunnel.**

**After two years of preparatory activities, the renovation will be starting as scheduled in February. There will be monthly night-time and weekend closures. At the end of April, beginning of May and in August 2023, the tunnel will be closed in both directions and on weekdays for longer periods. The renovation will take until the end of 2024.**

**After nearly 60 years, time for an extensive renovation**

Irene Schnieders, project manager at Rijkswaterstaat: "The tunnel opened in 1969 and has reached the end of its technical lifespan. After nearly 60 years, it's time for an extensive renovation. We are replacing all the technical installations and systems required to operate, control and monitor the tunnel. These include ventilators, cameras, loudspeakers and more than 150 kilometres of new cables. We are also renovating the structure and there will be a central tunnel channel which is a closed evacuation tunnel between the two tunnel tubes."

All closures in 2023 are listed on [www.rijkswaterstaat.nl/renovatieheinenoordtunnel](https://www.rijkswaterstaat.nl/wegen/projectenoverzicht/a29-renovatie-eerste-heinenoordtunnel/planning-en-aanpak). For international road transport, there is a special website: [A29roadworks.nl](http://www.a29roadworks.nl)

**Diversions for road traffic**

* During closures in the direction of Rotterdam (from south to north), through traffic will be diverted via the A16/A17 and A15. Traffic from the Hoeksche Waard via the A16 and N217.
* During closures in the direction of Bergen op Zoom (from north to south), through traffic will be diverted via the A15 and the A16/A17. Traffic from the Hoeksche Waard via the N217. Traffic to Goeree-Overflakkee will be diverted via the A15 and the N57.

**Longer journey times**

During the closures, road users should expect longer journey times. During the nights and at weekends, this will vary between 15 and 45 minutes. For closures on weekdays, this can increase to an hour in rush hours.

**Kil Tunnel toll-free**

While the Heinenoord Tunnel is closed, the Kil Tunnel will be toll-free for traffic in the closed lane(s).

**Support for businesses**

Rijkswaterstaat is using Zuid-Holland Bereikbaar and the Brabant Mobility network to consult businesses and institutions about what they can do and what is necessary to limit inconvenience for their business operations, employees and/or visitors. More information is available on the website [Hoeksche Waard - Samen Bereikbaar](https://samenbereikbaar.nl/gebieden/hoeksche-waard/)

**More information**

More information about the renovation of the Heinenoord Tunnel is available on [www.rijkswaterstaat.nl/renovatieheinenoordtunnel](http://www.rijkswaterstaat.nl/renovatieheinenoordtunnel) and [www.A29roadworks.nl](http://www.a29roadworks.nl/)

For more information, please visit [www.rwsverkeersinfo.nl](http://www.rwsverkeersinfo.nl) or [www.vananaarbeter.nl](http://www.vananaarbeter.nl)

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