

## Turnpike Access Gates

Access points were a key part of what the Turnpike Commission looked at in evaluating what needed to be changed after the winter storm that shut down part of the highway in 2016.

The medians most drivers are used to seeing on the road are concrete and weigh thousands of pounds, making it extremely difficult to move them if traffic needs to be diverted and/or reversed. Now, new medians are being installed that are metal and retractable, offering the Turnpike the ability to quickly maneuver them in and out of place in case of emergency.

After evaluating the entire roadway, there's now a plan for "access points" every 5 miles, and the process of installing the new barriers is already underway.

