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Valley Road ramp to Route 3 eastbound to close overnight as second phase of Route 3/Route 46 interchange improvement project begins in Passaic County

Signed detour will be in place

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced overnight ramp and lane closures as the second phase of the Route 3/Route 46 interchange improvement project, Contract B, begins in Passaic County.

Beginning at 10 p.m. tonight, Monday, February 24 until 6 a.m. the following morning, Tuesday, February 25, NJDOT's contractor, Union Paving & Construction Co., is scheduled to close and detour the Valley Road ramp to Route 3 eastbound to install construction barrier, restripe the roadway, and trim vegetation. Following the installation of construction barrier, a noise wall will be built behind the construction barrier. The following signed detour will be in place overnight:

Valley Road to Route 3 eastbound/Route 46 eastbound detour:

- Motorists wishing to travel from Valley Road to Route 3 eastbound will be directed to continue on Valley Road
- Turn left onto Great Notch Road
- Turn left onto Clove Road
- Keep right and follow the roundabout to Route 46 eastbound
- Continue on Route 46 eastbound or take the ramp to Route 3 eastbound

The \$189 million federally-funded Contract B portion of the the Route 46, Route 46, tel-Route 3, Route 46, as well as the construction of wider shoulders, acceleration, deceleration, and auxiliary lanes. At the Route 3/Route 46 interchange, a three lane Route 3 section will replace the existing two lane connections, and Route 46 will be realigned to better converge with Route 3. The new interchange includes four new bridge structures, a new signalized intersection, and a new multi-lane roundabout. This work is anticipated to be complete in 2024.

Contract A, which was completed in fall 2019, included the construction the new Great Notch Road Road, a new bridge over Route 46 from Great Notch Road to Clove Road, three signalized intersections, and two single-lane roundabouts parallel to Route 46 westbound to remove local traffic from the state highway.

Variable message signs are being utilized throughout the project limits to provide advance

notification to motorists of all traffic pattern changes associated with the interchange improvements project. Throughout the project, NJDOT will provide information on upcoming road or ramp closures. The precise timing of the work is subject to change due to weather or other factors. Motorists are encouraged to check NJDOT's traffic information website www.511nj.org for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter @NJDOT info or on the NJDOT Facebook page.

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