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Route 120 southbound ramp to Route 3 eastbound mainline to be closed overnight as deck repair project advances in Bergen County Route 120 northbound from Sheraton Plaza Drive also closed tonight

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the overnight closure of the Route 120 southbound ramp to Route 3 eastbound mainline, and the Route 120 northbound ramp from Sheraton Plaza Drive tonight in East Rutherford, Bergen County.

Route 120 Southbound

Route 120 southbound splits with a single lane ramp on the right going to the Route 3 eastbound service road and a two-lane ramp on the left going to Route 3 eastbound mainline.

Beginning at 10 p.m. tonight, Friday, March 13 until 6 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, March 14, NJDOT's contractor J.F. Creamer & Son Joint Venture with Joseph M. Sanzari Inc., is scheduled to close the ramp on the left side from Route 120 southbound to Route 3 eastbound mainline to move construction barrier. All traffic will be directed to use the ramp on the right side of Route 120 southbound to the Route 3 eastbound service road. When the ramp on the left side is reopened on Saturday morning, traffic will be shifted onto the newly reconstructed right lane, and the left lane will be closed to allow for reconstruction in the median area.

Route 120 Northbound

In addition, also beginning at 10 p.m. tonight, Friday, March 13 until 6 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, March 14, NJDOT's contractor J.F. Creamer & Son Joint Venture with Joseph M. Sanzari Inc., is scheduled to close and detour the Route 120 northbound ramp from Sheraton Plaza Drive to place construction barrier to begin the deck replacement of the bridge over Route 3 eastbound. When the bridge reopens Saturday morning, the left lane will be closed and the right lane will be open. This configuration is expected to be in place until the summer. The following detour will be in place overnight and may be used as an alternate route during events at the Meadowlands:

Route 120 northbound ramp from Sheraton Plaza Drive detour

- Traffic wishing to take Route 120 northbound from Sheraton Place Drive will be directed to continue onto the Route 3 eastbound service road
- Cross the Hackensack River
- Take the first exit for Meadowlands Parkway
- Turn right onto Meadowlands Parkway
- Take the ramp to Route 3 westbound
- Cross the Hackensack River
- Take the exit the exit for Route 120 northbound

The \$8.3 million federally-funded project will replace the bridge decks on two separate ramps on Route 120 over Route 3. Construction on the bridge that carries Route 120 southbound to Route 3 eastbound mainline and Route 120 northbound to Route 3 westbound will be done in multiple stages with the deck cast in place.

Work on the other bridge, from Sheraton Plaza Drive/Route 120 northbound over Route 3 eastbound, will be completed in multiple stages with precast panels. In addition to the deck replacement, the project will add approach slabs to both bridges, replace parapets and guiderail, and repair concrete on the piers of both bridges. The project is expected to be completed in the fall 2020.

Construction signs will provide advance notification to motorists of traffic pattern changes associated with the work. 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 and on the NJDOT Facebook page.

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