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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 Sheraton Plaza Drive ramp to Route 3 eastbound 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 Sheraton Plaza Drive ramp to Route 3 eastbound tonight in East Rutherford, Bergen County.

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Monday, March 30 until 6 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday March 31, and continuing overnight for several nights, NJDOT's contractor J.F. Creamer & Son Joint Venture with Joseph M. Sanzari Inc., is scheduled to close the right side of the ramp from Route 120 southbound to Route 3 eastbound and the ramp from Sheraton Plaza Drive to Route 3 eastbound to install temporary shielding. The following signed detours will be in place overnight:

Route 120 southbound to Route 3 eastbound detour:

- Motorists wishing to take Route 120 southbound to Route 3 eastbound will be directed to keep left at the fork towards Route 3 eastbound/Lincoln Tunnel/New York City
- Merge on to Route 3 eastbound

Sheraton Plaza Drive to Route 3 eastbound detour:

- Motorists wishing to take Sheraton Plaza Drive to Route 3 eastbound will be directed to keep right to take the ramp to Route 120 north
- Continue on Route 120 north, stay right and take the ramp towards Route 120 north/Paterson Plank Road
- Continue on Route 120 north and take the first jughandle to return to Route 120 south
- Stay right to take the ramp to Route 120 south to Route 3 Clifton/Lincoln Tunnel
- Continue on Route 120 southbound
- Keep left at the fork towards Route 3 eastbound/Lincoln Tunnel/New York City
- Merge onto Route 3 eastbound

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 <u>www.511nj.org</u> for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter <u>@NJDOT info</u> and on the <u>NJDOT Facebook page</u>.

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