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Route 3 westbound ramp to and from Bloomfield Avenue in Clifton to be closed Tuesday night as paving project continues

Route 3 overnight lane closures continue this week

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the closure Tuesday night of the Route 3 westbound ramps to and from Bloomfield Avenue in Clifton as the Route 3 paving project from Route 46 to Route 495 continues. In addition, overnight lane closures will continue next week on Route 3 between Route 21 and Route 46.

Bloomfield Avenue Ramp Closures and detours

On Tuesday, April 7 from 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. the next day, the ramps to and from Route 3 to Bloomfield Avenue will be closed and detoured. The following detours will be in place:

Route 3 westbound to Bloomfield Avenue detour:

- Motorists on Route 3 westbound wishing to take the Bloomfield Avenue exit will be directed to continue on Route 3 westbound
- Take the exit for Broad Street toward Paterson/Bloomfield
- Turn Right on Allwood Road/CR 602 back to Bloomfield Avenue

Bloomfield Avenue northbound to Route 3 westbound detour:

- Motorists on Bloomfield Avenue northbound wishing to take Route 3 westbound will be directed to continue north to the traffic circle
- Take the first exit in the circle for Allwood Road/CR 602 eastbound
- Turn right onto Passaic Avenue/CR 603
- Take the ramp to Route 3 westbound

Bloomfield Avenue southbound to Route 3 westbound detour:

- Motorists on Bloomfield Avenue southbound wishing to take Route 3 westbound will be directed to take the third exit in the traffic circle for Allwood Road/CR 602 eastbound
- Turn right onto Passaic Avenue/CR 603
- Take the ramp to Route 3 westbound

Lane Closures

From 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. the next morning Monday, April 6, and continuing nightly Monday through Friday, NJDOT's contractor, Crisdel Group, Inc., is scheduled to close two out of three lanes on Route 3 westbound and one out of three lanes on Route 3 eastbound to continue repair joints and remove

the reflective pavement markers in the roadway. At least one lane will be maintained overnight in each direction. Work will begin near the on ramp from Route 21 and will progress west toward Route 46.

Once work in the westbound direction is complete, construction will shift to Route 3 eastbound with two lanes being closed overnight and two lanes of Route 3 westbound closed. After this section is complete, overnight lane closures will shift to the stretch of Route 3 westbound from Route 495 to Route 17, again working in the westbound direction and then the eastbound direction. The joint repairs and removal of pavement markers is expected to take several weeks. Milling and paving is expected to begin in late spring.

The \$16.6 million project will mill and pave approximately 9.5 miles of Route 3 from Route 46 to Route 495 in Clifton, Passaic County through Rutherford and East Rutherford in Bergen County, to Secaucus and North Bergen in Hudson County. The project also will repave ramps and make other roadway repairs. The entire project is expected to be complete in fall 2020.

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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