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## Route 46 eastbound lane closure necessary as Route 3/Route 46 interchange improvement project advances Closure will be in place for approximately two weeks

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced a lane closure on Route 46 eastbound as the Route 3/Route 46 interchange improvement project advances in Clifton, Passaic County.

Beginning at 9 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, April 24, NJDOT's contractor, Union Paving & Construction Co., is scheduled to close the left lane on Route 46 eastbound between Lower Notch Road and Saint Phillips Drive. This closure will allow the contractor to repave the roadway for an upcoming project stage change. At least one lane of traffic will be maintained on Route 46 eastbound during the closure, which is anticipated to be in place for approximately two weeks.

The \$189 million federally-funded Contract B portion of the <a href="the-Route 3">the Route 46</a>, <a href="Route 46">Route 46</a>, <a href="tel-Route 46">tel-Route 3</a>, <a href="tel-Route 46">Route 46</a>, 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 <a href="www.511nj.org">www.511nj.org</a> for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter <a href="www.511nj.org">@NJDOT</a> info or on the <a href="https://www.511nj.org">NJDOT</a> Facebook page.