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Valley Road and ramps from Route 3/46 westbound to be closed overnight as interchange improvement project advances in Clifton Closures necessary to shift traffic

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced Valley Road and the ramps from Route 3/46 westbound to Valley Road will be closed and detoured overnight as the Route 3/Route 46 Improvement Project advances in Passaic County.

Beginning at 9 p.m. tonight, Friday, June 25, until 1 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, June 26, NJDOT's contractor, Union Paving & Construction Co., Inc., is scheduled to close Valley Road in both directions between Oak Hill Road and Saint Phillips Drive in Clifton. This closure will allow the contractor to restripe the roadway and shift traffic to the right in both directions, creating a work zone underneath the Route 46 Bridge over Valley Road. Motorists are advised to follow the signed detour or plan an alternate route.

In addition, the ramp from Route 3/46 westbound to Valley Road also will be closed during the same hours for restriping. The ramp from Route 3 westbound to Route 46 westbound will remain open. By 1 a.m. Saturday, the ramp from Route 3/46 to Valley Road will reopen, with traffic shifted to the right. The ramp will have three dedicated lanes to carry traffic – a right turn only to Valley Road northbound, straight to Great Notch Road, and a left only to Valley Road southbound. A temporary traffic signal will be activated at the intersection to control the flow of traffic.

The \$189 million federally-funded Contract B portion of the Route 3, Route 46, Valley Road and Notch/Rifle Camp Road Interchange Improvements project_includes the realignment and widening of 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, 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.

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 @NewJerseyDOT or on the NJDOT Facebook page.