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Route 3/Route 46 eastbound traffic shift required as interchange improvement project advances in Clifton Overnight lane closures will be required to shift traffic

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced a traffic shift on Route 3/46 eastbound requiring overnight lane closures as the Route 3/Route 46 Improvement Project advances in Passaic County.

Beginning at 9 p.m. tomorrow, Saturday, August 28, NJDOT's contractor, Union Paving & Construction Co., Inc., is scheduled to close one lane on the Route 46 eastbound ramp to Route 3 eastbound. A second lane will be closed at 10 p.m. These closures will allow the contractor to restripe the roadway and install construction barrier to prepare for a traffic shift.

By 8 a.m. Sunday, August 29, traffic will be shifted to the right onto the newly-constructed ramp, which is located south of the existing lanes to better align Route 46 eastbound with Route 3 eastbound.

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.