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Route 46 eastbound overnight lane closures 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 46 eastbound requiring overnight lane closures as the Route 3/Route 46 Improvement Project advances in Clifton, Passaic County.

Beginning at 9 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, November 19, NJDOT's contractor, Union Paving & Construction Co., Inc., is scheduled to close one lane on Route 46 eastbound between Lower Notch Road and Notch Road. A second lane will be closed at 11 p.m. These closures will allow the contractor to restripe the roadway and install construction barrier to prepare for a traffic shift.

By 7 a.m. Saturday, November 20, traffic will be shifted to the right, creating a work zone to complete roadway reconstruction and drainage improvement work on Route 46.

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.