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Route 46 eastbound lane closures tonight as Route 3/Route 46 interchange improvement project advances in Passaic County Closures necessary to implement traffic shift

(Trenton) – Route 46 eastbound is scheduled to have lane closures tonight as the Route 3/Route 46 interchange improvement project advances in Clifton, Passaic County.

Beginning at 9 p.m. tonight, Friday, June 23 until 5 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, June 24, lane closures are scheduled on Route 46 eastbound from the Notch Road overpass to the new Valley Road Bridge. The closures are necessary to restripe the roadway to implement a traffic shift, and install construction barrier to set up a work zone in the right shoulder. One lane of traffic will be maintained overnight. By Saturday morning, three lanes will be open with traffic shifted to the left. This traffic pattern is expected to be in place for approximately three months for curb, drainage, and paving work.

The \$160 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.