



# NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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## **Route 46 eastbound lane closure and traffic shift required as interchange improvement project advances in Clifton** **One lane will be closed overnight**

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

Beginning at approximately 10 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, June 18, until 7 a.m. Saturday, June 19, NJDOT's contractor, Union Paving & Construction Co., Inc., is scheduled to close one lane on the Route 46 eastbound connector road to Route 3 eastbound in Clifton. This closure will allow the contractor to install construction barrier and restripe the roadway to prepare for a traffic shift. One lane of traffic will be maintained overnight.

By 7 a.m. Saturday, both lanes on Route 46 eastbound will reopen, and traffic will be shifted to the north onto the newly-paved Route 46 eastbound lanes to Route 3 eastbound. This traffic shift will allow the contractor to demolish the old ramp from Valley Road to Route 46 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](http://www.511nj.org) for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter [@NewJerseyDOT](https://twitter.com/NewJerseyDOT) or on the [NJDOT Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/NJDOT).

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