



# NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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## **Route 3 westbound lane and ramp closure Saturday as Bridge over Conrail and NYS&W railroad project advances in North Bergen Ramp detours necessary for beam installation**

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced lane and ramp closures on Route 3 westbound on Saturday morning as the Route 3 Bridge over Conrail; New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway (NYS&W) replacement project advances in North Bergen, Hudson County.

Beginning at 6 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, June 25 until 3 p.m., NJDOT's contractor, Ritacco Construction Inc., is scheduled to close the right lane on Route 3 westbound from Route 1&9 to the Route 495 overpass, as well as the ramp from Route 3 westbound to and from the NJ TRANSIT Park & Ride and to Route 495 eastbound/Lincoln Tunnel. There also will be temporary 15-minute traffic stoppages. The closures are necessary to install beams. At least one lane will be maintained on Route 3 westbound while the work is taking place. The following detours will be in place:

### **Route 3 westbound to Route 495 eastbound detour:**

- Motorists wishing to take the Route 3 westbound ramp to Route 495 eastbound/Lincoln Tunnel will be directed to continue on Route 3 westbound
- Take the exit for Meadowlands Parkway
- Turn left onto Meadowlands Parkway
- Go under Route 3
- Turn left to take the ramp onto Route 3 eastbound to Route 495 eastbound

### **Route 3 westbound to NJ TRANSIT Park & Ride detour:**

- Motorists wishing to take the Route 3 westbound ramp to Route 495 eastbound/Lincoln Tunnel will be directed to continue on Route 3 westbound
- Take the exit for Meadowlands Parkway
- Turn left onto Meadowlands Parkway
- Go under Route 3
- Turn left to take the ramp onto Route 3 eastbound
- Stay right and take the exit for North Bergen/Kennedy Boulevard/New Jersey Turnpike/I-95 North
- Stay right and take the North Bergen exit to Paterson Plank Road
- Take Paterson Plank Road and turn right at West Side Avenue into the Park & Ride lot

The \$24.8 million project is federally funded through a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant. It will replace the bridge located between the Route 495 Bridge over Route 3 on the west and Route 1&9/Tonnele Avenue on the east, near the south entrance to the NJ TRANSIT North Bergen Park & Ride lot. The new, wider bridge will improve safety by providing standard lane and shoulder widths and improved sight distance. The sidewalk will be extended to connect the existing sidewalk on Route 1&9/Tonnele Avenue to the North Bergen Park and Ride.

In addition, the new Route 3 Bridge design eliminates the piers adjacent to the railroad tracks. This will improve rail service by allowing freight trains to transport higher and wider loads, as well as travel at

higher speeds. It also will create increased spacing between the tracks, which is required to provide shared passenger and freight service. This expanded passenger and freight service will provide significant regional benefits to commuters and the freight industry from Passaic, Bergen, and Hudson counties.

The project is being constructed in five stages. The bridge remains open in both directions during construction and pedestrian traffic is being maintained as well. The project is expected to be completed by summer 2023.

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 <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](#).

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