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Route 46 lane and ramp closures Thursday and Friday nights in Clifton and Little Falls, Passaic County

Route 3 westbound lane closure Friday night in Clifton

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced lane and ramp closures on Route 46 tonight and tomorrow night as the Route 3/Route 46 Interchange Improvement Project advances in Clifton and Little Falls, Passaic County.

Thursday, August 4

Beginning at 9 p.m. tonight, Thursday, August 4 until 6 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, August 5, NJDOT's contractor, Union Paving & Construction Co., Inc., is scheduled to close two lanes on Route 46 westbound from the ramp to Great Notch Road through Lower Notch Road to implement a traffic shift. One lane of traffic will be maintained overnight.

In addition, one lane of Route 46 eastbound from Lower Notch Road through Valley Road is scheduled to be closed from 9 p.m. tonight, Thursday, August 4 until 6 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, August 5. At least two lanes will be maintained overnight. The ramp from Route 46 eastbound to Clove Road is scheduled to be closed and detoured during this time. The following detour will be in place:

Route 46 eastbound ramp to Clove Road detour:

- Motorists wishing to take the Route 46 eastbound ramp to Clove Road will be directed to continue on Route 46 eastbound
- Stay left for Route 3 eastbound
- Take the Grove Street exit
- Turn left onto Grove Street
- Take the ramp to Route 3 westbound
- Continue on Route 3 westbound, which becomes Route 46 westbound
- Take the ramp to Great Notch Road
- Turn left onto Great Notch Road
- Turn left onto Clove Road

Friday, August 5

From 9 p.m. Friday, August 5 until 9 a.m. Saturday, August 6, one lane on Route 46 westbound from St. Phillips Street through Lower Notch Road is scheduled to be closed to implement a traffic shift. At least one lane of traffic will be maintained overnight. The closure is necessary to reposition construction barriers to create a work zone on the right side. By Saturday morning, all lanes will be

shifted to the left onto the newly built roadway and the newly constructed portion of the Bridge over Lower Notch Road.

In addition to the lane closures, the ramp from Route 46 westbound to Great Notch Road, and the ramp from Great Notch Road to Route 46 westbound will be closed overnight. The following detours will be in place:

Route 46 westbound ramp to Great Notch Road detour:

- Motorists wishing to take the Route 46 westbound ramp to Great Notch Road will be directed to continue on Route 46 westbound
- Take the exit for Browertown Road/Woodland Park/Little Falls/U-turn
- Turn right onto Browertown Road
- Turn right onto Rose Street
- Take the ramp to Route 46 eastbound
- Take the exit for Clove Road
- Go around the roundabout to cross over Route 46 back to Great Notch Road

Great Notch Road ramp to Route 46 westbound detour:

- Motorists on Great Notch Road wishing to take the ramp to Route 46 westbound will be directed to continue on Great Notch Road
- Go through the roundabout to Lackawanna Avenue
- Turn left onto Lower Notch Road
- Turn right to take the ramp to Route 46 westbound

The \$164 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 by the end of 2023.

Contract A, which was completed in fall 2019, included the construction of 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 <a href="https://www.seybot.com/nyb