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Route 1&9 northbound ramp to Route 3 westbound closed tonight as Bridge over Conrail and NYS&W railroad project nears completion in North Bergen

Overnight lane closures on Route 3 westbound

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced lane and ramp closures on Route 3 near the intersection with Route 1&9 tonight as the Route 3 Bridge over Conrail; New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway (NYS&W) replacement project nears completion in North Bergen, Hudson County. This is a continuation of work that began last night.

From 9 p.m. tonight, Thursday, June 1, until 6 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, June 2, NJDOT's contractor, Ritacco Construction Inc., is scheduled to close and detour the ramp from Route 1&9 northbound to Route 3 westbound for paving. Motorists will be directed to continue on Route 1&9 northbound and follow the posted detour.

In addition, two lanes on Route 3 westbound will be closed during the same times from Route 1&9 to past the ramp to the Route 495 overpass. At least one lane will be maintained overnight.

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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