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Route 46 ramp and lane closures tonight as interchange improvement project nears completion in Passaic County Closures necessary to restore traffic to final configuration

(Trenton) – Route 46 eastbound is scheduled to have lane closures tonight as the Route 3/Route 46 interchange improvement project nears completion in Little Falls and Clifton, Passaic County. In addition, three ramps to and from Route 46 eastbound will be closed and detoured overnight.

Beginning at 9 p.m. tonight, Friday, August 25 until 5 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, August 26, the two right lanes on Route 46 eastbound are scheduled to be closed between Browertown Road in Little Falls to Valley Road in Clifton. At least one lane of traffic will be maintained overnight. The closures are necessary to restripe, remove barrier, and shift traffic to its final three-lane configuration. Additional ramp and lane closures may be required next week.

In addition, beginning at 9 p.m. tonight, Friday, August 25 until 5 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, August 26, the following three ramps are scheduled to be closed with signed detours in place:

Notch Road northbound ramp to Route 46 eastbound detour:

- Motorists on Notch Road northbound wishing to take the ramp to Route 46 eastbound will be directed to continue on Notch Road northbound
- Cross over Route 46
- Take the first exit on the roundabout to Great Notch Road
- At the light turn right onto Clove Road
- Cross over Route 46
- Take the ramp to Route 46 eastbound

Route 46 eastbound ramp to Clove Road detour:

- Motorists on Route 46 eastbound wishing to take the ramp to Clove Road will be directed to continue on Route 46 eastbound
- Take the exit to Valley Road
- Turn left onto Valley Road
- Turn right onto Normal Avenue
- Turn right onto Upper Mountain Avenue/Long Hill Road
- Bear right onto Clove Road

Clove Road northbound ramp to Route 46 eastbound:

- Motorists on Clove Road northbound wishing take the ramp to Route 46 eastbound will be directed to go around the roundabout to take Clove Road southbound
- Turn left onto Upper Mountain Ave/Long Hill Road
- Turn left onto Normal Ave
- Turn left onto Valley Road
- Take the ramp to Route 46 eastbound

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 3 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 multilane roundabout. Final paving is expected to take place in September, and the project is expected to be complete by the end of the year.

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.njdot.nih.gov/njdot.nih