

For Immediate Release:

October 27, 2023

Contact: Jim Barry

Leanna Nelson 609-963-1975

Route 46 ramp closure and detour begins tonight as interchange improvement project nears completion in Passaic County Closure necessary for overhead sign structure construction

(Trenton) – Route 46 is scheduled to have a ramp closure beginning tonight as the Route 3/Route 46 interchange improvement project nears completion in Little Falls and Clifton, Passaic County.

Beginning at 9 p.m. tonight, Friday, October 27, the ramp from Route 46 eastbound to Notch Road is scheduled to be closed and detoured for approximately one week. The closure is necessary for overhead sign structure construction. The following detour will be in place:

Route 46 eastbound ramp to Notch Road detour:

- Motorists wishing to take the Route 46 eastbound ramp to Notch Road will be directed to continue on Route 46 eastbound
- Take the exit to Clove Road
- At the roundabout, take the third exit to Clove Road to cross over Route 46
- Turn left onto Great Notch Road westbound
- At the roundabout, take the third exit to Notch Road

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 multi-lane 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 X (Twitter) @NewJerseyDOT and our Facebook page.