



## NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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### **Ridge Road Bridge over Route 3 to reopen Wednesday in Rutherford New wider bridge adds dedicated left turn lane in the northbound direction**

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the new Ridge Road Bridge over Route 3 will open to traffic on Wednesday evening in Rutherford, as the safety and congestion relief project advances.

Tomorrow evening, February 5, NJDOT's contractor, Carbro Contractors Corp., will reopen the new Ridge Road Bridge over Route 3 to traffic. The new bridge is wider than the original bridge and includes the addition of a dedicated northbound left turn lane, as well as the addition of a northbound lane at the Rutherford Avenue intersection. In order to add the new lane at the Rutherford Avenue intersection a part of the existing concrete island was removed and reconstructed.

Other improvements included upgraded traffic signals on both ends of the Bridge at the Rutherford Avenue intersection on the south side of the bridge and the Marginal Road/Barrows Avenue intersection on the north side of the bridge. There also are new sidewalks on both sides of the bridge with improved ADA-compliant curb ramps. The sidewalk on the east side of the bridge will be open for pedestrian use when the bridge opens on Wednesday. The sidewalk on the west side of the bridge will remain closed for the completion of work on the curbs and ramps on the northwest and southwest corners. The sidewalk is expected to open by the end of the month.

The next portion of the project will be the reconstruction of the Orient Way Bridge. It is expected to be closed by the end of February to begin demolition and reconstruction. Construction of the Orient Way Bridge is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

The federally-funded \$26.7 million project will replace both the Ridge Road Bridge and the Orient Way Bridge over Route 3, provide a continuous full-width right shoulder on Route 3 in both directions to help ease congestion, and make improvements to the Polito Avenue and Rutherford Avenue intersection, including traffic signal improvements and ADA compliant sidewalk ramps.

The project is being constructed in five stages. The entire project is expected to be completed by early 2021. As the Ridge Road and Orient Way Bridges over Route 3 project advances, NJDOT will provide additional information including ramp or lane closures and detours.

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](http://www.511nj.org) for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter [@NJDOT\\_info](https://twitter.com/NJDOT_info) and on our [Facebook page](#).

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