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Route 3 westbound lane closure Saturday as Bridge over Conrail and NYS&W railroad replacement project advances in North Bergen Intermittent traffic stoppages necessary for girder installation

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced lane closures on Route 3 westbound on Saturday as the Route 3 Bridge over Conrail; New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway (NYS&W) replacement project advances in North Bergen, Hudson County.

Beginning at 4 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, December 4 until 4 p.m., NJDOT's contractor, Ritacco Construction Inc., is scheduled to close the left lane on Route 3 westbound from the Route 1&9 interchange to past the on-ramp from the NJ TRANSIT Park & Ride lot. In addition, the right lane and the ramp to Route 495 eastbound/Lincoln Tunnel are scheduled to be closed three times for approximately 15-minutes to install girders. New Jersey State Police will assist with the traffic stoppages. The first 15-minute traffic stoppage is expected to take place between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m., the second from 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., and the third between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. These times may change depending on the progress of the work.

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 site 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 will be constructed in five stages. The bridge will remain open in both directions during construction and pedestrian traffic will be 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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