



# NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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## **Route 46/Route 3 lane and ramp closures tonight as interchange improvement project advances in Clifton** **Route 46 eastbound and Route 3 eastbound lanes will be realigned**

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced lane and ramp closures on Route 46 and Route 3 tonight in order to realign the eastbound roadways and shift the westbound roadways as the Route 3/Route 46 Improvement Project advances in Clifton, Passaic County.

### **Route 46 eastbound/Route 3 eastbound**

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Friday, December 10, NJDOT's contractor, Union Paving & Construction Co., Inc., is scheduled to close one lane on Route 46 eastbound between Lower Notch Road and Valley Road. A second lane will be closed at 10 p.m. In addition, the following ramps will be closed between 8 p.m. tonight, Friday, December 10 until 6 a.m. Saturday, December 11. If work is completed earlier, the ramps will open sooner. Motorists are advised to follow the signed detours:

- Route 46 eastbound ramp to Clove Road Circle
- Clove Road Circle ramp to Route 46 eastbound
- Route 46 westbound ramp to Great Notch Road

These closures will allow the contractor to open the newly constructed Route 46 eastbound bridge and swap Route 46 eastbound traffic and Route 3 eastbound traffic before Valley Road.

Route 46 eastbound has three lanes of traffic prior to the merge where traffic enters Route 46 from Clove Road Circle. Currently, traffic wishing to continue on Route 46 stays on the left side of the road and traffic wishing to go to Route 3 eastbound uses the right side of the road.

By 6 a.m. Saturday, December 11, **Route 3 eastbound traffic will utilize the two left lanes** to continue onto Route 3 eastbound and **Route 46 eastbound traffic will utilize a single right lane** to stay on Route 46. After the split, a second lane for Route 46 eastbound will be available on the new bridge.

### **Route 46 westbound/Route 3 westbound**

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Friday, December 10 until 6 a.m. Saturday, December 11, the right lane on Route 46 westbound is scheduled to be closed between Rock Hill Road and St. Philips Drive, as well as the exit ramp to Valley Road. Motorists wishing to take the Valley Road exit will be directed to take the next exit for Great Notch Road east to Valley Road.

In addition, one lane on Route 3 westbound is scheduled to be closed from 8 p.m. tonight, Friday, December 10 until 6 a.m. Saturday, December 11 between Grove Street and Valley Road to shift traffic to the left. The exit ramp from Route 3 westbound to Valley Road also will be closed. Motorists wishing to take the Valley Road exit will be directed to take the next exit from Great Notch Road east to Valley Road. The Route 3 exit ramp to the Fette Infiniti dealer will remain open, but the ramp from the car dealership to Route 3 westbound will be closed during this stage of construction.

This stage of construction will demolish the existing Route 46 Bridge over Route 3 and build a new Route 46 westbound Bridge over Valley Road. This stage is expected to be completed in the fall 2022.

The \$189 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 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. This work is anticipated to be complete in 2024.

Contract A, which was completed in fall 2019, included the construction 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](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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