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Bloomfield Avenue overnight traffic shift required this weekend as bridge rehabilitation project advances in Montclair **Traffic to be shifted onto newly completed eastbound side of the bridge**

(Trenton) - New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced a lane closure and traffic shift onto the newly constructed eastbound side of the Bloomfield Avenue/CR 506 Bridge over NJ TRANSIT as the bridge replacement project advances in Montclair, Essex County.

Beginning tonight at 12 midnight, Saturday, November 2, NJDOT's contractor, IEW Construction Group, Inc., will restripe the roadway and remove construction barrier on the Bloomfield Avenue/CR 506 Bridge for a project stage change. At least one lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction at all times.

By 3 p.m. Sunday, November 3, the two eastbound lanes will be reopened. The westbound left lane will be opened and the right lane will be closed for curb/sidewalk repair and minor electrical work. This final phase of construction is anticipated to last approximately one month.

Pedestrian access to the bridge will be restored on the eastbound side only following the completion of the traffic shift, and the pedestrian shuttle service will be eliminated.

The \$11.7 million state-funded project replaced the existing superstructure over NJ TRANSIT's Montclair Rail Line near Maple Avenue and included repairs to the existing wing walls. In addition, the bridge parapets and approach slabs were repaired or replaced as needed. The four-lane bridge consists of two lanes and a pedestrian sidewalk in each direction.

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 construction updates and real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter [@NJDOT_info](https://twitter.com/NJDOT_info) or on the [NJDOT Facebook page](#).

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