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Route 3 overnight lane closures needed for girder installation on Ridge Road Bridge over Route 3 in Rutherford Temporary 15-minute closures needed for two night for girder installation

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced temporary 15-minute overnight lane closures of Route 3 in both directions for the installation of steel girders for the new Ridge Road Bridge over Route 3 in Rutherford.

From 11 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, November 8 until 6 a.m. the next, and again on Monday, November 11 and Tuesday, November 12 if necessary, NJDOT's contractor, Carbro Contractors Corp., will be installing four new steel girders for the Ridge Road Bridge over Route 3. Between 11 p.m. and 4 a.m. the next day, Route 3 will be temporarily closed in both directions for 15-minutes to allow for the installation of each new girder. There will be up to four temporary closures each night. New Jersey State Police will be on site to control traffic. Motorists are advised to stay alert and slow down through the construction zone.

This portion of the bridge is being constructed with traditional cast in place techniques in which the concrete deck will be poured once the steel girders are in place. This was necessary to accommodate the utility conduit underneath the deck. In September, 14 beams were installed allowing precast portions of the bridge to be erected. Once the precast panels were in place, high-performance concrete was poured between the precast panels, which required 28 days to cure before structural steel could be torqued underneath the deck between the beams. The next steps include constructing the parapets and completing the approaches to the bridge on both sides so it can be completed and opened this winter. Once the Ridge Road Bridge is reopened, the Orient Way Bridge will be closed and reconstructed beginning in the spring of 2020.

The federally-funded \$26.7 million project [began in March 2018](#) and 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 the fall of 2020. 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 for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter [@NJDOT_info](#) and on our [Facebook page](#).

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