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Route 3 overnight lane closures tonight to allow for work under the Ridge Road Bridge over Route 3 in Rutherford Closure needed to install shielding as project advances

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced lane closures on Route 3 in both directions tonight to install shielding under the new Ridge Road Bridge over Route 3 in Rutherford.

Beginning at 10 p.m. tonight, Friday, November 15 until 5 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, November 16, NJDOT's contractor, Carbro Contractors Corp., will be temporarily closing two lanes on Route 3 in each direction to install shielding under the new Ridge Road Bridge over Route 3. At least one lane will be maintained overnight.

This portion of the bridge is being constructed with traditional cast in place techniques. Steel girders were placed over the past week. The next step will be to complete the installation of structural steel and relocation of utility cables, before pouring the concrete deck. Using cast in place techniques was necessary to accommodate the utility conduit underneath the deck. Once the Ridge Road Bridge reopens this winter, 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](https://twitter.com/NJDOT_info) and on our [Facebook page](#).

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