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Orient Way Bridge over Route 3 to close as Bridge replacement project advances in Rutherford Signed detour will be in place until winter

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the full closure of the Orient Way Bridge over Route 3 as the Ridge Road and Orient Way Bridges over Route 3 replacement project advances in Rutherford.

Beginning at 10 p.m. Friday, March 6, NJDOT's contractor, Carbro Contractors Corp., is scheduled to close the Orient Way Bridge over Route 3 in both directions to allow for demolition and reconstruction of the bridge. The following signed detour, which utilizes the recently-reconstructed Ridge Road Bridge, will be in place through winter 2020:

Orient Way Bridge over Route 3 northbound detour:

- Motorists wishing to travel northbound on the Orient Way Bridge over Route 3 will be directed to turn left onto Rutherford Road
- Turn right onto Ridge Road
- Turn right onto Van Riper Avenue
- Turn left onto Orient Way northbound

Orient Way Bridge over Route 3 southbound detour:

- Motorists wishing to travel southbound on the Orient Way Bridge over Route 3 will be directed to turn right onto Woodland Avenue
- Turn left onto Ridge Road
- Turn left onto Rutherford Road
- Turn right onto Orient Way southbound

The federally-funded \$26.7 million project [began in February 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 and NJDOT is using Accelerated Bridge Construction (ABC) techniques. The entire project is expected to be complete in winter 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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