



# NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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## **Traffic shift on Valley Road in Clifton as Route 3/Route 46 interchange improvement project advances Northbound traffic will be shifted onto the southbound side of Valley Road**

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced a traffic shift and ramp closure on Valley Road as the Route 3/Route 46 interchange improvement project advances in Clifton, Passaic County.

Beginning at 9 p.m. tonight, Wednesday, April 22, NJDOT's contractor, Union Paving & Construction Co., is scheduled to shift traffic northbound traffic on Valley Road onto the southbound side of the roadway just north of Route 46. This shift will allow the contractor to widen Valley Road to prepare for the construction of a roundabout at the Valley Road/Great Notch Road intersection. Following the shift, one lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction on Valley Road. New Jersey State Police will be on hand to direct the traffic shift, and motorists should expect brief delays.

In addition to the traffic shift, the dedicated right-turn ramp from Route 46 westbound to Valley Road northbound will be closed during this stage of construction. Motorists traveling from Route 46 westbound to Valley Road northbound should continue straight past the closed ramp and turn right at the intersection with Valley Road. The existing traffic signal will be reconfigured for this new traffic pattern, which is expected to remain in place for approximately two months.

The \$189 million federally-funded Contract B portion of the [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 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.

Variable message signs are being utilized throughout the project limits to provide advance

notification to motorists of all traffic pattern changes associated with the interchange improvements project. Throughout the project, NJDOT will provide information on upcoming road or ramp closures.

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 [@NJDOT\\_info](https://twitter.com/NJDOT_info) or on the [NJDOT Facebook page](#).

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