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Route 3 eastbound overnight ramp and lane closures needed as Route 120 bridge deck repair project advances in Bergen County Sheraton Plaza Drive ramp to Route 3 eastbound to be closed Thursday night

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the closure of the Route 3 eastbound service road/Sheraton Plaza Drive ramp to Route 120 northbound tonight, and the closure of the Route 3 eastbound service road/Sheraton Plaza Drive ramp to Route 3 eastbound tomorrow night as the bridge deck repair project advances in East Rutherford, Bergen County.

Wednesday night

Beginning at 7 p.m. tonight, Wednesday, May 13, until 6 a.m. tomorrow, Thursday, May 14, NJDOT's contractor J.F. Creamer & Son Joint Venture with Joseph M. Sanzari Inc., is scheduled to close and detour the ramp from the Route 3 eastbound service road/Sheraton Plaza Drive to Route 120 northbound and the ramp from Route 120 northbound to Route 3 westbound overnight to install deck panels on the Route 120 northbound bridge over Route 3 eastbound. In addition, the left two lanes of Route 3 eastbound mainline are schedule to be closed beginning at 8 p.m. tonight. At least one lane will be maintained overnight.

By 6 a.m. tomorrow, Thursday, May 14, all lanes on Route 3 will be reopened and the ramp from the Route 3 eastbound service road/Sheraton Plaza Drive to Route 120 northbound will be reopened with one lane remaining closed as the bridge reconstruction continues on one side of the bridge over Route 3 eastbound. This configuration is expected to be in place through the fall 2020. The following detour will be in place:

Sheraton Plaza Drive to Route 120 northbound detour

- Traffic coming from the Route 3 eastbound service road/Sheraton Plaza Drive wishing to take Route 120 northbound will be directed to stay left onto Route 3 eastbound
- Cross the Hackensack River and take the first exit for Meadowlands Parkway north
- From the Meadowlands Parkway north take the first exit for Route 3 westbound
- Take the exit for Route 120 north

Thursday night

Beginning at 7 p.m. tomorrow, Thursday, May 14, until 6 a.m. Friday, May 15, is scheduled to close and detour the ramp from Sheraton Plaza Drive to the Route 3 eastbound service road. There also will be temporary 15-minute stoppages of traffic using the ramp from the Route 3 eastbound service road/Sheraton Plaza Drive to Route 120 northbound to install deck panels on the bridge. By 6 a.m. Friday morning, the ramp will be reopened. The following detour will be in place Thursday night:

Sheraton Plaza Drive to Route 3 eastbound detour:

- Motorists wishing to take Sheraton Plaza Drive to Route 3 eastbound will be directed to keep right to take the ramp to Route 120 north

- Continue on Route 120 north, stay right and take the ramp towards Route 120 north/Paterson Plank Road
- Continue on Route 120 north and take the first jughandle to return to Route 120 south
- Stay right to take the ramp to Route 120 south to Route 3 Clifton/Lincoln Tunnel
- Continue on Route 120 southbound
- Keep left at the fork towards Route 3 eastbound/Lincoln Tunnel/New York City
- Merge onto Route 3 eastbound

The \$8.3 million federally-funded project will replace the bridge decks on two separate ramps on Route 120 over Route 3. Construction on the bridge that carries Route 120 southbound to Route 3 eastbound mainline and Route 120 northbound to Route 3 westbound will be done in multiple stages with the deck cast in place.

Work on the other bridge, from Sheraton Plaza Drive/Route 120 northbound over Route 3 eastbound, will be constructed in multiple stages with precast panels later in the project. In addition to the deck replacement, the project will add approach slabs to both bridges, replace parapets and guiderail, and repair concrete on the piers of both bridges. The project is expected to be completed in the fall 2020.

Construction signs will provide advance notification to motorists of traffic pattern changes associated with the work. 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 the [NJDOT Facebook page](#).

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