



# NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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## **Route 3 overnight lane closures this weekend as Ridge Road and Orient Way Bridges replacement project advances in Rutherford Closures necessary for traffic shift**

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced overnight lane closures and a traffic shift on Route 3 this weekend as the Ridge Road and Orient Way Bridges over Route 3 replacement project advances in Rutherford.

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Friday, May 29, NJDOT's contractor, Carbro Contractors Corp., is scheduled to close the two right lanes on Route 3 eastbound near the Orient Way Bridge. This closure will allow the contractor to install barrier curb, creating a work zone in the right lanes to allow for replacement of the bridge abutments. Following the installation of barrier curb, the left lane will be closed to allow the contractor to restripe the roadway to prepare for a traffic shift. One lane of traffic will be maintained overnight.

By 6 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, May 30, eastbound traffic will be shifted to the left towards the median and the right lane will remain closed. Three lanes of traffic will be maintained. This traffic pattern is anticipated to remain in place for several months.

Beginning at 8 p.m. Sunday, May 31, the two right lanes on Route 3 westbound are scheduled to be closed for barrier curb installation, creating a work zone in the right lane on that side of the roadway. Following the installation of barrier curb, the left lane will be closed for restriping. One lane of traffic will be maintained overnight.

By 6 a.m. Monday, June 1, westbound traffic will be shifted to the left towards the median and the right lane will remain closed for several months. Three lanes of traffic will be maintained.

The federally-funded \$26.7 million project [began in February 2018](#) and is replacing 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](http://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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