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Route 46 traffic shift tonight as interchange improvement project advances in Passaic County **One lane will be closed in each direction**

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced a traffic shift on Route 46 requiring overnight lane closures as the Route 3/Route 46 interchange improvement project advances in Clifton, Passaic County.

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Friday, June 12, NJDOT's contractor, Union Paving & Construction Co., is scheduled to close one lane in each direction on Route 46 in Clifton between Saint Phillips Drive and Rock Hill Road. The closures are necessary to install construction barrier and restripe the roadway to prepare for a traffic shift. One lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction overnight.

By 6 a.m. Saturday, June 13, Route 46 eastbound traffic will be shifted to the left side of the roadway, and Route 46 westbound will be shifted to the right. This traffic shift will create a work zone, allowing the contractor to complete utility work, roadway widening, complete curb work and make drainage improvements. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained in each direction. This new traffic pattern is anticipated to remain in place through the end of the year.

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 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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