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Route 3 westbound ramps to Route 21 to be closed tonight as Orient Way bridge replacement project advances in Rutherford Closure necessary for overhead sign installation

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced that the ramps from Route 3 westbound to Route 21 northbound and southbound will be closed and detoured overnight as the Ridge Road and Orient Way Bridges over Route 3 replacement project advances in Rutherford.

Beginning at 10 p.m. tonight, Friday, June 26, until 5 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, June 27, NJDOT's contractor, Carbro Contractors Corp., is scheduled to close the ramps from Route 3 westbound to Route 21 northbound and southbound. This closure will allow the contractor to install overhead signs. The following signed detour will be in place overnight:

Route 3 westbound ramps to Route 21 detour:

- Motorists traveling westbound on Route 3 wishing to take the ramps to Route 21 northbound or Route 21 southbound will be directed to continue on Route 3 westbound
- Keep right and take the exit to Main Avenue/Nutley/Passaic
- Turn left onto Main Avenue
- Turn left onto the ramp to Route 3 eastbound
- Take the ramp to Route 21 northbound or southbound

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, providing 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](#) and on our [Facebook page](#).

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