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Orient Way Bridge over Route 3 to reopen tonight as bridge replacement project nears completion in Rutherford Overnight lane closures will be required on Route 3 Sunday night

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the new Orient Way Bridge over Route 3 will open to traffic on Friday evening as the Ridge Road and Orient Way Bridges over Route 3 replacement project nears completion in Rutherford.

Tonight, Friday, October 30, NJDOT's contractor, Carbro Contractors Corp., is scheduled to open the newly-reconstructed Orient Way Bridge over Route 3. The new bridge features two lanes in each direction and six-foot shoulders. It also features an increased minimum vertical clearance of 15 feet for vehicles traveling on Route 3.

Other improvements included upgraded traffic signals on both ends of the Bridge at the Rutherford Avenue intersection on the south side of the bridge and the Barrows Avenue intersection on the north side of the bridge. There also are new sidewalks on both sides of the bridge with improved ADA-compliant curb ramps, which will be accessible when the bridge is opened to vehicles on Friday evening.

Following the reopening of the bridge, beginning at 9 p.m. Sunday, November 1, until 5 a.m. the next day, Monday, November 2, the right lanes on Route 3 in each direction are scheduled to be closed to allow the contractor to remove construction barrier. At least one lane will be maintained in each direction overnight. After the barrier is removed, additional overnight lane closures will be required on Route 3 to complete final paving.

The federally-funded \$26.7 million project replaced both the Ridge Road Bridge and the Orient Way Bridge over Route 3. It also provided a continuous full-width right shoulder on Route 3 in both directions to help ease congestion, and made improvements to the Polito Avenue and Rutherford Avenue intersection, including traffic signal improvements and ADA compliant sidewalk ramps.

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 our [Facebook page](#).

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