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Route 3 eastbound lane closure Wednesday as Bridge over Conrail and NYS&W railroad replacement project advances in North Bergen Four temporary traffic stoppages necessary for girder installation

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced a lane closure and temporary traffic stoppages on Route 3 eastbound on Wednesday as the Route 3 Bridge over Conrail; New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway (NYS&W); and the ramp from Route 3 westbound and Route 495 eastbound to the New Jersey Transit Park & Ride lot replacement project advances in North Bergen.

Beginning at 6 a.m. Wednesday, November 5 until 4 p.m., NJDOT's contractor, Ritacco Construction Inc., is scheduled to close the right lane on Route 3 eastbound before the Route 495 ramp onto Route 3 eastbound, just west of Route 1&9/Tonnele Avenue. The ramp will remain open during the day.

Between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., there will be four temporary traffic stoppages for up to 15 minutes each to install four girders over the railroad tracks and the ramp that goes to and from the New Jersey Transit Park & Ride lot and Route 495 eastbound, as construction of the new bridge advances. During these four temporary stoppages, the New Jersey State Police will temporarily close the left lane on Route 3 eastbound, the ramp from Route 3 westbound to Route 495 eastbound and the ramp from Route 495 eastbound to Route 3 westbound/Park and Ride Lot that go under the bridge. If the work is not completed on Wednesday, it will continued during the same time on Thursday, November 6.

The \$24.8 million project is federally funded through a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant. It will replace the bridge located between the Route 495 Bridge over Route 3 on the west and Route 1&9/Tonnele Avenue on the east, near the south entrance to the NJ TRANSIT North Bergen Park & Ride lot. The new, wider bridge will improve safety by providing standard lane and shoulder widths and improved site distance. The sidewalk will be extended to connect the existing sidewalk on Route 1&9/Tonnele Avenue to the North Bergen Park and Ride.

In addition, the new Route 3 Bridge design eliminates the piers adjacent to the railroad tracks. This will improve rail service by allowing freight trains to transport higher and wider loads, as well as travel at higher speeds. It also will create increased spacing between the tracks, which is required to provide shared passenger and freight service. This expanded passenger and freight service will provide significant regional benefits to commuters and the freight industry from Passaic, Bergen, and Hudson counties.

The project will be constructed in five stages. The bridge will remain open in both directions during construction and pedestrian traffic will be maintained as well. The project is expected to be completed by summer 2023.

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](https://www.facebook.com/njdot).

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