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Route 46 daytime blasting begins next week as interchange improvement project advances 15-minute slowdowns on Route 46 required for roadway widening work

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced daytime excavation blasts on Route 46 eastbound next week for roadway widening work as the Route 3/Route 46 Improvement Project advances in Passaic County.

Beginning at approximately 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 19 until 2:30 p.m., and again Wednesday, January 20 during the same hours, NJDOT's contractor, Union Paving & Construction Co., Inc., is scheduled to conduct excavation blasts for road widening work on Route 46 eastbound between Notch Road and Clove Road. Traffic on Route 46 in both directions and surrounding local roads will be stopped by NJ State Police and local authorities for approximately 15 minutes while the blasts take place. Measures are being taken to minimize the noise and impact. Additional blasting is anticipated through spring 2021.

The \$189 million federally-funded Contract B portion of 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, 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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