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Route 3 eastbound lane closure this weekend as Bridge over Conrail and NYS&W railroad replacement project advances in North Bergen **Left lane closed from Thursday until Monday for concrete pour**

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced lane closures on Route 3 eastbound this weekend as the Route 3 Bridge over Conrail; New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway (NYS&W) replacement project advances in North Bergen, Hudson County.

Beginning at 10 a.m. tomorrow, Thursday, January 13 until 5 a.m. Monday, January 17, NJDOT's contractor, Ritacco Construction Inc., is scheduled to close the left lane on Route 3 eastbound from the on ramp from Route 495 eastbound through just before the intersection with Route 1&9. The closure is necessary to pour the new concrete deck and allow it time to cure.

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 <http://www.511nj.org> for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter [@NewJerseyDOT](https://twitter.com/NewJerseyDOT) or on the [NJDOT Facebook page](#).

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