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## Route 46 westbound ramp to Valley Road to be permanently closed as Route 3/Route 46 improvement project advances Access to local businesses will be maintained from Route 3 westbound

**(Trenton)** – The Route 46 westbound ramp to Valley Road is scheduled to be permanently closed on Monday as the Route 3/Route 46 interchange improvement project advances in Clifton, Passaic County.

Beginning at 7 a.m. Monday, April 17, the Route 46 westbound ramp to Valley Road will be permanently closed. Motorists wishing to exit at Valley Road will take the next exit and turn right onto Great Notch Road, which intersects Valley Road at the roundabout. Motorists wishing to go to CubeSmart Self Storage will be able to access the parking lot from Route 3 westbound until the construction of a new access road is completed next month.

The \$160 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.

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 <a href="www.511nj.org">www.511nj.org</a> for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter <a href="www.9NewJerseyDOT">@NewJerseyDOT</a> or on the <a href="https://www.NJDOT Facebook page">NJDOT Facebook page</a>.