



# NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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## **I-295 northbound and Route 42 northbound overnight lane closures this week in Bellmawr as Browning Road Bridge demo continues Detours in place overnight on I-295 and Route 42**

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced overnight lane closures and detours on I-295 northbound Route 42 northbound tonight, Thursday and Friday nights as [the demolition of the Browning Road Bridge](#) continues in Bellmawr, Camden County.

### **Wednesday, February 2**

NJDOT's contractor, South State, Inc., is scheduled to close the I-295 northbound Exit 26, which becomes the left lane of I-76 westbound, from 9 p.m. tonight, Wednesday, February 2 until 6 a.m. Thursday, February 3, weather permitting. In addition, the left lane on Route 42 northbound will be closed during the same time period. The closures will allow underdeck removal and shielding work below the Browning Road Bridge. The following detour will be in place:

#### I-295 northbound Exit 26 to I-76 westbound detour:

- Motorists traveling on I-295 northbound will be directed to continue on I-295 north to Exit 27
- Take the left Exit 27 ramp to I-76 westbound

### **Thursday, February 3 and Friday, February 4**

Depending on the weather, between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. the next day on both Thursday, February 3 and Friday, February 4, the two right lanes on I-295 northbound are scheduled to be closed and detoured at Exit 26 where the highway splits for I-76 toward Philadelphia/I-295 toward Trenton.

In addition, between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. the next day on both Thursday, February 3 and Friday, February 4, the two right lanes on Route 42 northbound are scheduled to be closed just before Exit 14/Leaf Avenue as well as Exit 1B to I-295 northbound. These closures will allow underdeck removal and shielding work below the Browning Road Bridge. The following detours will be in place both nights:

#### I-295 northbound detour:

- Motorists on I-295 northbound will be directed to stay left and take Exit 26 for I-76 westbound
- Take I-76 westbound to Exit 2/I-676 northbound
- Take I-676 northbound to Exit 1/Collings Avenue
- Turn right onto Collings Avenue
- Turn left onto I-676 southbound which becomes I-76 eastbound
- Take I-76 eastbound to Exit 1B to I-295 northbound

Route 42 Exit 1B to I-295 northbound detour:

- Motorists on Route 42 northbound wishing to take Exit 1B to I-295 northbound will be directed to continue on Route 42 northbound to I-76 westbound
- Take I-76 westbound to Exit 2/I-676 northbound
- Take I-676 northbound to Exit 1/Collings Avenue
- Turn right onto Collings Avenue
- Turn left onto I-676 southbound which becomes I-76 eastbound
- Take I-76 eastbound to Exit 1B to I-295 northbound

**Overnight lane closures continue for several weeks**

In the coming weeks, there will be lanes closures Monday through Friday nights to allow for the Browning Road Bridge demolition. The closures are scheduled to take place from 9 p.m. until 6 a.m. the next day on I-295 southbound and I-76 eastbound/Route 42 southbound. Closures on I-295 northbound and Route 42 northbound/I-76 westbound will take place from 9 p.m. until 5 a.m. the next day. [Click here](#) for a schedule of closures planned this week.

Typically, only two lanes of traffic in one direction will be closed at any one time with at least one lane open to traffic. To provide safety to workers and motorists, there is the possibility of temporary 15-minute traffic stoppages on some nights to accommodate the removal of bridge components that span additional lanes of traffic. In addition, there is the possibility for ramp closures and detours that have been used in the past, to provide additional safety.

The demolition of the Browning Road Bridge is beginning with the removal of pipe and conduit under the bridge, as well as installation of shielding under the bridge. When this work is complete, the deck will be removed and then the steel girders. Once all of the bridge structure over the I-295, I-76 and Route 42 is removed, demolition work will move to the east abutment and then to the west abutment. All of this work should be completed by spring.

The work is part of the Direct Connect project that will provide a seamless route for I-295 motorists traveling through the interchange of I-295, I-76, and Route 42. To sign up for I-295 Direct Connect project updates go to [295DirectConnect.com](http://295DirectConnect.com) or text CONNECT to 1-844-844-3681.

Portable variable message signs are being utilized to provide advance notification to the public of all traffic pattern changes associated with the work. 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](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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