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I-295 to be closed and detoured overnight this week for maintenance resurfacing work in Carneys Point One lane to remain open during construction

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced I-295 southbound and northbound will be closed and detoured on separate nights this week for a maintenance and resurfacing project in Carneys Point, Salem County. This work was originally scheduled to begin on March 3.

Wednesday, March 4 and Friday, March 6:

Beginning at 8 p.m., tonight, Wednesday, March 4, through 6 a.m., Thursday, March 5, and again Friday, March 6 beginning at 8 p.m. through 6 a.m., Saturday, March 7. NJDOT's Contractor, Schifano Construction Corp., will **close and detour I-295 southbound** between Exit 4/Route 48 and Exit 2C/Route 130. The closure is necessary to place construction barrier to close one lane.

The Contractor will be restriping the roadway and placing temporary barriers during the closure on Wednesday night, and placing a construction barrier on Friday night.

When the highway reopens tomorrow morning, Thursday, March 5, the right lane will be closed and left lane will remain open. This configuration will be in place for approximately one month. The following signed detour will be in place overnight Wednesday, March 4, and Friday, March 6:

I-295 southbound detour:

- Motorists on I-295 southbound will be directed to take Exit 4/Route 48
- Turn right onto Route 48 west/Harding Highway
- Turn left onto Route 130 south/S. Virginia Avenue
- Turn left onto Route 140 east/Hawks Bridge Road
- Turn left to take ramp onto I-295 south

Thursday, March 5, 2020:

Beginning at 8 p.m., Thursday, March 5, through 6 a.m. Friday, March 6, NJDOT's Contractor, Schifano Construction Corp., will **close and detour I-295 northbound** between Exit 2B-C Route 130/Route 40 and Exit 4/Route 48. The closure is necessary to place construction barrier to close one lane.

When the highway reopens on Friday morning the right lane will be closed and left lane will remain open for approximately one month. Access to the rest area will be maintained during construction. The following signed detour will be in place overnight Thursday, March 5:

I-295 northbound detour:

- Motorists wishing to continue on I-295 northbound will be directed to take Exit 2B-C/Route 130/Route 40
- Stay left for Exit 2C/Route 130
- Turn left Route 140 west/Hawks Bridge Road
- Turn right onto Route 130 north/Shell Road
- Shell Road will become S. Virginia Avenue
- Turn right onto Route 48 east/ E. Main Street
- Turn left to take the ramp onto I-295 north

Motorists are advised to consider the NJ Turnpike as alternative to I-295 during construction.

NJDOT is coordinating the closures with the New Jersey Turnpike Authority, which has its own construction taking place overnight, in an effort to minimize disruption to traffic.

The project will excavate, mill and pave a 1.25-mile stretch of I-295 between Exit 2C/Route 130 and the bridges over Hollywood Avenue/Dupont Country Club Road. In addition to resurfacing, the project also includes a complete replacement of the Weigh in Motion (WIM) sensors in the road. The WIM sensors allow NJDOT to collect roadway speeds, traffic volume, vehicle classification, and vehicle weight. The expected to be completed in April 2020.

Variable message signs are being utilized throughout the project limits to provide advance notification to motorists of all traffic pattern changes associated with the project.

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 or on the NJDOT Facebook page.

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