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I-295 to be closed and detoured tonight as maintenance resurfacing work continues in Carneys Point Traffic to be shifted to the newly completed right lane

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced I-295 northbound and southbound will be closed and detoured tonight as the maintenance and resurfacing project advances in Carneys Point, Salem County.

Beginning at 7 p.m., tonight, Tuesday, March 24, through 7 a.m., Wednesday, March 25, NJDOT's Contractor, Schifano Construction Corp., will **close and detour I-295 northbound and southbound** between Exit 2C/Route 130 and Exit 4/Route 48. The closure is necessary to move construction barrier to implement a traffic shift.

Currently, the right lane is closed and the left lane is open. Work on the right lane was completed ahead of schedule. When the highway reopens tomorrow morning, the left lane will be closed and traffic will be shifted onto the newly completed right lane. This configuration is expected to be in place for several weeks. The following signed detour will be in place overnight Tuesday, March 24:

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

I-295 northbound detour:

- Motorists 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.

The project will excavate, mill and pave a 1.25-mile stretch of I-295 between Exit 2C/Route 130 and Exit 4/Route 48. 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 project is 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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