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Creek Road Bridge over I-295 overnight closures continue as Missing Moves project advances in Camden County Overnight detours this week in preparation of bridge demolition

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the Creek Road Bridge over I-295 will be closed and detoured overnight this week as the Missing Moves project between I-295 and Route 42 advances in Bellmawr, Camden County.

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Monday, June 8, until 12 midnight, NJDOT's contractor, South State, Inc., is scheduled to close one lane on the Creek Road Bridge over I-295 and maintain alternating traffic between Booth Drive and Essex Avenue in order to install a temporary electric line in preparation for bridge demolition. Later tonight, between 12 midnight until 5 a.m. Tuesday, June 9, the Creek Road Bridge will be closed completely and detoured. Access will be maintained for local residents and businesses.

This pattern of alternating traffic followed by a full closure of the Creek Road Bridge will continue nightly through Wednesday, June 10. There also may be overnight single lane closures on I-295 northbound and southbound near the Creek Road Bridge. The following signed detour will be in place Monday through Wednesday from 12 midnight until 5 a.m.:

Creek Road westbound detour:

- Motorists traveling westbound on Creek Road will be directed to take a left onto Edgewood Avenue
- Turn right onto Leaf Avenue
- Take the ramp onto Route 42 north which becomes I-76 north
- Take Exit 1C/Route 130 southbound
- At the end of the ramp, turn left onto Market Street
- Turn left onto Route 130 south
- At the traffic circle follow signs for Creek Road and take the fourth exit for Route 130 north
- Keep right and turn onto Old Salem Road
- Turn left onto Creek Road

Creek Road eastbound detour:

- Motorists traveling on Route 47 northbound wishing to turn right onto Creek Road eastbound will be directed to continue into the traffic circle
- Take the first exit onto Route 130 northbound
- Turn right onto West Browning Road back to Creek Road

The relocation of electrical equipment is anticipated to be completed this week. During the next stage, traffic will be shifted to the south side of the bridge with one lane maintained in each direction to allow for the demolition and reconstruction of the north side of the bridge. NJDOT will provide advance notice before any lane closures or traffic shifts are implemented. That stage of the project is expected to be completed next winter, at which time traffic will be shifted to the newly constructed portion of the bridge to allow for demolition and reconstruction of the south side of the bridge. The entire bridge replacement is expected to be completed by the summer 2021.

The \$180 million federally-funded project will build new ramps connecting Route 42 northbound to I-295 southbound, and I-295 northbound to Route 42 southbound in order to allow for the direct movement of traffic between the two roadways. These are commonly known as the "missing moves." The project will also include the demolition and reconstruction of the Creek Road Bridge over I-295 between Route 42 and Almonesson Road. The majority of the project will be built off of the roadways and will have minimal impact on traffic on Route 42 and I-295. The project is expected to be completed in late 2023.

Variable messaging signs are being utilized to provide advance notification to the motoring public of all traffic pattern changes associated with the work. NJDOT will provide information before any lane closures are scheduled.

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 construction updates and real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter @NJDOT info or on the NJDOT Facebook page.