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I-295 northbound and Route 42 traffic stoppages Thursday night for final temporary Browning Road Bridge installation Additional closures over several weeks needed to complete temporary bridge

(Trenton) - New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced temporary traffic stoppages Thursday night on I-295 northbound for the third and final stage of the temporary Browning Road Bridge launch as part of the Direct Connection project in Bellmawr, Camden County. This work was originally scheduled for Wednesday night but was rescheduled because some prep work was delayed by poor weather earlier in the week.

Thursday, August 26

Beginning at 11 p.m. Thursday, August 26, until 4 a.m. the next day, NJDOT's contractor, South State, Inc., is scheduled to launch the third and final stage of the temporary Browning Road Bridge. The NJ State Police are scheduled to implement traffic slowdowns and temporary traffic stoppages during that time, which could last between 15 to 30-minutes. To facilitate the slowdowns and reduce time for a complete stoppage, the nearest on-ramps will be closed briefly by NJ State Police during the slowdowns.

Monday, August 30 to Wednesday, September 1

From 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday, August 30, Tuesday, August 31, and Wednesday, September 1, NJDOT's contractor, South State, Inc., is scheduled to close I-295 northbound Exit 26 and the left lane on Route 42 in both directions. The closures are necessary to access the center pier of the temporary bridge for bearing work.

Once traffic is on the temporary bridge, the demolition of the existing bridge and construction of new median piers can begin. The demolition will be conducted overnight to minimize impacts to traffic. The temporary bridge is expected to be in use for approximately 18 months.

The work is part of the Direct Connection 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 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 $\underline{www.511nj.org}$ for real-time travel information, and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter $\underline{@NewJerseyDOT}$ or on the \underline{NJDOT} Facebook page.

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