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Creek Road Bridge over I-295 to be closed this weekend as Missing Moves project advances in Camden County Traffic will be shifted to newly completed portion of the bridge

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced Creek Road will be closed this weekend to shift traffic onto the newly constructed potion of the Creek Road Bridge over I-295 as the I-295/Route 42 Missing Moves project advances in Bellmawr, Camden County.

Beginning at 9 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, August 27, until 6 a.m., Monday, August 30, NJDOT's contractor, South State Inc., is scheduled to close and detour Creek Road between Booth Drive and Essex Avenue to pave, relocate construction barrier and restripe the roadway in order to shift traffic onto the newly constructed westbound side of the bridge. Local access will be maintained. If work is completed earlier, the road will reopen sooner. The following signed detour will be in place:

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

During this stage of construction, traffic will be shifted to the newly constructed westbound side of the bridge with one lane maintained in each direction to allow for the demolition and reconstruction of the eastbound side of the bridge. NJDOT will provide advance notice before any

lane closures or traffic shifts are implemented. This stage of the project 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 Message Signs are being utilized to provide advance notification to the motoring 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 <u>www.511nj.org</u> for construction updates and real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter <u>@NewJerseyDOT</u> and our <u>Facebook page</u>.

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