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# I-295 northbound and Route 42 lane closures next week to work on temporary Browning Road Bridge piers

# Additional closures over several weeks needed to complete temporary bridge

**(Trenton)** - New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today are reminding motorists of lane closures on I-295 northbound and Route 42 next week to continue work on the temporary Browning Road Bridge as part of the Direct Connection project in Bellmawr, Camden County.

### Monday, August 30 to Thursday, September 2 Daytime Closures

From 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday, August 30, and continuing daily through Thursday, September 2, NJDOT's contractor, South State, Inc., is scheduled to close the 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.

### Thursday, September 2 Overnight Closures

In addition, from 10 p.m. Thursday, September 2 until 5 a.m. the next day, there are closures scheduled on the I-295 southbound ramp to Route 42 southbound/I-295 southbound, the right lane on I-76 eastbound, and on the Route 42 northbound Exit 1B to I-295 northbound. This work is necessary to repair guiderail attenuators and replace construction drums. The following detours will be in place:

#### I-295 southbound to Route 42 southbound/I-295 southbound detour:

The I-295 southbound ramp to Route 42 southbound/I-295 southbound, also known as Al-Jo's Curve, and the two right lanes on I-295 southbound are scheduled to be closed after Exit 28/Route 168 to repair guiderail and the attenuator at Exit 26. All motorists traveling on I-295 southbound will be directed to stay left onto Exit 26. The following detour will be in place overnight:

- Motorists traveling on I-295 southbound to Route 42 southbound will be directed to exit left at Exit 26/I-76 westbound
- Take I-76 westbound to Exit 2/I-676 northbound
- Take I-676 northbound to Exit 1/Collings Avenue
- Turn right onto Collings Avenue
- Turn left onto I-676 southbound which becomes I-76 eastbound
- Take I-76 eastbound to Exit 1A/I-295 southbound

Route 42 north Exit 1B ramp to I-295 north detour:

The right lane on Route 42 northbound is scheduled to be closed just past Exit 14/Leaf Avenue, and Exit 1B to I-295 northbound is scheduled be closed and detoured to repair guiderail and attenuator at the exit. The following detour will be in place overnight:

- Motorists traveling on Route 42 northbound wishing to take Exit 1B to I-295 northbound will be directed to continue on Route 42 northbound to I-76 westbound
- Take I-76 westbound to Exit 2/I-676 northbound
- Take I-676 northbound to Exit 1/Collings Avenue
- Turn right onto Collings Avenue
- Turn left onto I-676 southbound which becomes I-76 eastbound
- Take I-76 eastbound to Exit 1B/I-295 northbound

# Tuesday, September 7 to Thursday, September 9 Daytime Closures

From 12 noon until 3 p.m., Tuesday, September 7, and then from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Wednesday, September 8 and Thursday, September 9, I-295 northbound Exit 26 and the left lane on Route 42 in both directions are scheduled to be closed to access the center pier of the temporary bridge to continue bearing work.

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 <u>295DirectConnect.com</u> 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 <u>www.511nj.org</u> for real-time travel information, and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter <u>@NewJerseyDOT</u> or on the <u>NJDOT</u> <u>Facebook page</u>.

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