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I-295 southbound/Al-Jo's Curve and Route 42 northbound lanes and Exit 1B to be closed and detoured Thursday night Overnight closures necessary to repair attenuators

(Trenton) - New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the overnight closure of the I-295 southbound ramp to Route 42 southbound and I-295 southbound, and the closure of Route 42 northbound lanes and Exit 1B to I-295 northbound as the Direct Connection project advances in Bellmawr, Camden County.

I-295 southbound closure

NJDOT's contractor, South State, Inc., will close the I-295 southbound ramp to Route 42 southbound and I-295 southbound, also known as Al-Jo's Curve beginning at 9 p.m. tomorrow, Thursday, April 14 until 6 a.m. Friday, April 15. The right lane on I-295 southbound also will be closed after Exit 28/Route 168. These closures will allow the contractor to repair 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:

<u>I-295 southbound to Route 42 southbound/I-295 southbound detour:</u>

- 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 northbound closure

In addition, the two right lanes on Route 42 northbound will be closed from 9 p.m. tomorrow, Thursday, April 14 until 5 a.m. Friday, April 15 just past Exit 14/Leaf Avenue, and Exit 1B to I-295 northbound will be closed and detoured to repair the attenuator at the exit. The following detour will be in place overnight:

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

- 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

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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