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I-295 northbound reopened in Carneys Point Route 140/Hawks Bridge Road Bridge remains closed in both directions

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced I-295 northbound reopened at approximately 4:15 a.m. today, Friday, February 24 in Carneys Point, Salem County. The Route 140/Hawks Bridge Road Bridge over I-295 remains closed in both directions.

I-295 northbound was reopened after NJDOT's contractor, IEW Construction Group, completed the removal of two girders and a portion of the deck on the Route 140/Hawks Bridge Road Bridge over I-295 that were damaged when a truck carrying construction equipment struck the bridge on Tuesday evening.

NJDOT is evaluating what repairs may be needed to safely reopen and restore traffic on the Route 140/Hawks Bridge Road Bridge over I-295. Route 140/Hawks Bridge Road eastbound is closed at Route 130 with access maintained for local traffic. Route 140/Hawks Bridge Road westbound is closed at the bridge with traffic diverted onto I-295 northbound. The following detours remain in place until further notice:

Route 140/Hawks Bridge Road westbound detour:

- Motorists on Route 140 westbound will be directed to take the ramp to I-295 northbound
- Take Exit 4 for Route 48/Salem Business Center/Carneys Point
- Turn left onto Route 48 westbound
- Continue on Route 48 westbound to Route 130; or
- Take the ramp to I-295 southbound
- Take I-295 southbound to Exit 2C for Route 130/Deepwater

Route 140/Hawks Bridge Road eastbound detour:

- Motorists wishing to take Route 140/Hawks Bridge Road eastbound will be directed to take Route 130 northbound
- Turn right onto Route 48 eastbound/East Main Street
- Turn right onto CR551/South Pennsville Auburn Road
- Turn left onto Route 140/Hawks Bridge Road eastbound

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>@NJDOT info</u> or on the <u>NJDOT Facebook page</u>.