

For Immediate Release: July 25, 2024 **Contact:**

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Route 42 northbound Exit 1B to I-295 northbound and I-295 southbound Al-Jo's Curve to be closed tonight in Bellmawr Closure necessary to replace damaged construction barrier

(Trenton) – The right lane on Route 42 northbound and Exit 1B to I-295 northbound, as well as the I-295 southbound ramp to Route 42 southbound and I-295 southbound, also known as Al-Jo's Curve, are scheduled to be closed and detoured tonight to replace damaged guiderail and attenuator as the Direct Connection project advances in Bellmawr, Camden County.

Route 42 northbound closure

Beginning at 9 p.m. tonight, Thursday, July 25 until 5 a.m. Friday, July 26, the right lane on Route 42 northbound is scheduled to be closed after Exit 14B/Benigo Boulevard and the Route 42 northbound Exit 1B to I-295 northbound is scheduled to be closed and detoured to replaced damaged guiderail and attenuator. The following detour will be in place:

Route 42 northbound Exit 1B ramp to I-295 northbound 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

I-295 southbound closure

Beginning at 9 p.m. tonight, Thursday, July 25 until 5 a.m. Friday, July 26, the I-295 southbound ramp to Route 42 southbound and I-295 southbound, also known as Al-Jo's Curve, will be closed and detoured. The right lane on I-295 southbound also will be closed just after Exit 28/Route 168. All motorists traveling on I-295 southbound will be directed to stay left onto Exit 26. The following detour will be in place Friday night:

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

- 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

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 X (Twitter) <u>@NewJerseyDOT</u> or on the <u>NJDOT</u> Facebook page.

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