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I-295 northbound and Route 42 northbound Exit 1B to I-295 northbound to be closed tonight in Bellmawr, Camden County Closures part of a series of traffic shifts over the next few weeks

(Trenton) – I-295 northbound and the Route 42 northbound Exit 1B to I-295 northbound are scheduled to be closed and detoured tonight in the first of a series of traffic shifts over the next few weeks, as the Direct Connection project advances in Bellmawr, Camden County.

I-295 northbound closure

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Wednesday, September 4 until 5 a.m. Thursday, September 5, the two right lanes on I-295 northbound will be closed and detoured after Creek Road, with traffic directed to stay left toward I-76/Camden/Philadelphia. The following detour will be in place:

I-295 northbound detour:

- Motorists traveling on I-295 northbound will be directed to take old Exit 26/new Exit 27A (left exit), which becomes the left lane of 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

Route 42 northbound closure

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Wednesday, September 4 until 5 a.m. Thursday, September 5, 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. 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

The closures are necessary to install construction barrier and restripe the roadway to implement the first of a series of traffic shifts over the next few weeks near the temporary Browning Road Bridge. The traffic shifts are necessary to create a median work zone to begin work on the second of two piers for the new Browning Road Bridge.

By 5 a.m. tomorrow, Thursday, September 5, the two right lanes on I-295 will be shifted to the right. Traffic coming from the Route 42 Exit 1B ramp toward I-295 northbound also will be shifted to the right in a single lane cattle chute with construction barrier on either side. This configuration will be in place for approximately one week.

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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