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## Route 42 northbound lanes and Route 42 Exit 1B to I-295 northbound to be closed tonight in Bellmawr, Camden County Closures necessary for traffic shift

**(Trenton)** – The Route 42 northbound Exit 1B to I-295 northbound is scheduled to be closed and detoured tonight, as well as three out of four lanes on Route 42 northbound, which becomes I-76 westbound, as the Direct Connection project advances in Bellmawr, Camden County. In addition, there will be traffic slowdowns on Route 42 northbound tonight.

Beginning at 10 p.m. tonight, Friday, September 13 until 9 a.m. Saturday, September 14, the three right lanes on Route 42 northbound, which becomes I-76 westbound, are scheduled to be closed after Exit 14B/Benigo Boulevard. One lane will be maintained overnight. In addition, 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 reposition construction barrier to shift traffic. By 9 a.m. Saturday morning, the Route 42 Exit 1B ramp toward I-295 northbound will reopen and Route 42 northbound traffic heading to I-76 westbound will be split with two lanes on the right and one lane on the left near the temporary Browning Road Bridge with a work zone in between. This configuration is expected to be in place for approximately two weeks.

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> <u>Facebook page</u>.

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