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I-295 overnight lane and ramp closures this week as bridge replacement project begins in Lawrence I-295 southbound Exit 68A to be closed overnight this week

**(Trenton)** – I-295 is scheduled to have overnight lane and ramp closures this week as the Princeton Pike/CR 583 Bridge over I-295 replacement project begins in Lawrence, Mercer County.

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Monday, October 7 until 6 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, October 8, and continuing nightly until Thursday, October 10 at the same times, two lanes on I-295 in both directions are scheduled to be closed. At least one lane will be maintained overnight. The closures are necessary to install concrete barrier in the left and right shoulders, as well as install shielding under the Princeton Pike/CR 583 Bridge over I-295.

In addition, the I-295 southbound Exit 68A ramp to Princeton Pike/CR 583 northbound is scheduled to be closed beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Monday, October 7 until 6 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, October 8, and continuing nightly until Wednesday, October 9 at the same times. The closures are necessary to pave a temporary ramp. The following detour will be in place:

## I-295 southbound to Princeton Pike/CR 583 northbound Detour:

- Motorists wishing to take the I-295 southbound Exit 68A to Princeton Pike/CR 583 northbound will be directed to continue on I-295 southbound
- Take Exit 67 to Route 1 southbound
- Turn right onto Franklin Corner Road/CR 546
- Turn right onto Princeton Pike/CR 583 northbound

The \$19.7 million federally funded project will replace the existing bridge carrying Princeton Pike/CR 583 over I-295, which is in poor condition. The new bridge will be constructed in stages with work on one side of the bridge at a time. The new bridge will have a reinforced concrete deck and maintain the same configuration with a 12-foot through lane, 12-foot auxiliary lane, 12-foot outside shoulder, 2-foot inside shoulder and 6-foot-wide sidewalks in each direction, separated by a 6-foot raised median. In addition, the minimum vertical under clearance over I-295 will be raised from 14-feet, 1-inch to 16-feet, 6-inches. The project is anticipated to be complete in summer 2027.

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 <a href="www.511nj.org">www.511nj.org</a> for construction updates and real-time travel information. For NJDOT news follow us on X (Twitter) <a href="mailto:@NewJerseyDOT">@NewJerseyDOT</a>, on the <a href="mailto:NJDOT Facebook page">NJDOT Facebook page</a>, or Instagram <a href="mailto:@NewJerseyDOT">@NewJerseyDOT</a>.

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