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I-295 lane and ramp closures tonight and tomorrow night as bridge replacement project advances in Lawrence Closures necessary for paving temporary ramps

(Trenton) – I-295 is scheduled to have overnight lane and ramp closures tonight and tomorrow night as the Princeton Pike Bridge over I-295 replacement project advances in Lawrence, Mercer County.

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Wednesday, October 30, until 6 a.m. Thursday, October 31, and again tomorrow night, Thursday, October 31 at the same time, 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 shielding under the Princeton Pike Bridge over I-295.

In addition, the I-295 southbound Exit 68A ramp to Princeton Pike northbound and the I-295 northbound Exit 68B to Princeton Pike southbound are scheduled to be closed beginning at 10 p.m. tonight, Wednesday, October 30, until 6 a.m. Thursday, October 31, and again tomorrow night, Thursday, October 31 at the same time. The closures are necessary to pave temporary ramps. The following detours will be in place:

I-295 southbound Exit 68A to Princeton Pike northbound Detour:

- Motorists wishing to take the I-295 southbound Exit 68A to Princeton Pike 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 northbound

I-295 northbound Exit 68B to Princeton Pike southbound Detour:

- Motorists wishing to take the I-295 northbound Exit 68B to Princeton Pike southbound will be directed to continue on I-295 northbound
- Take Exit 69B to Route 206 southbound
- Take the ramp to I-295 southbound
- Take Exit 68B/Franklin Corner Road/CR 546 to Princeton Pike
- Take Franklin Corner Road/CR 546 southbound
- Turn left onto Princeton Pike northbound

The \$19.7 million federally funded project will replace the existing bridge carrying Princeton Pike 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 completed 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 www.511nj.org for construction updates and real-time travel information. For NJDOT news follow us on X (Twitter) @NewJerseyDOT, on the NJDOT Facebook page, or Instagram @NewJerseyDOT.

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