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I-295 southbound/Al-Jo's Curve to be closed tonight for Browning Road Bridge work in Bellmawr I-295 northbound Exit 27A closed overnight starting Thursday

(Trenton) – The I-295 southbound ramp to Route 42 southbound and I-295 southbound, also known as Al-Jo's Curve, and one lane on I-76 eastbound are scheduled to be closed and detoured tonight as the Direct Connection project advances in Bellmawr, Camden County. In addition, I-295 northbound new Exit 27A/old Exit 26 (left exit) ramp, and one lane on Route 42 northbound are scheduled to be closed for several nights, starting on Thursday, December 5.

Wednesday, December 4

Beginning at 10 p.m. tonight, Wednesday, December 4 until 5 a.m. tomorrow, Thursday, December 5, 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, and the right lane on I-76 eastbound from Exit 1B to just past the Browning Road Bridge is scheduled to be closed beginning at 9 p.m. tonight. The closures are necessary to reposition the crane needed for installing beams for the new Browning Road Bridge. All motorists traveling on I-295 southbound will be directed to stay left onto Exit 26. The following detour will be in place:

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

Thursday, December 5

Beginning at 10 p.m. tomorrow, Thursday, December 5 until 5 a.m. Friday, December 6, and continuing for approximately one week Monday through Friday nights at the same time, the I-295 northbound new Exit 27A/old Exit 26 (left exit) ramp, which becomes the left lane of I-76 westbound, is scheduled to be closed for the installation of steel beams for the new Browning Road Bridge. In addition, each night from 9 p.m. until 6 a.m. the next day, the left lane on Route 42 northbound is scheduled to be closed before Exit 14B/Benigo Boulevard. The following detour will be in place:

<u>I-295 northbound Exit 27A to I-76 westbound Detour:</u>

- Motorists traveling on I-295 northbound will be directed to continue on I-295 northbound
- Take the left Exit 27B (old Exit 27) ramp to I-76 westbound

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 used to provide advance notification of 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>, on the <u>NJDOT Facebook page</u>, or Instagram <u>@NewJersey.DOT</u>.

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