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## Daytime pothole repairs on I-295, I-76, and Route 42 Thursday in Camden County

Route 42 lane closures Thursday night for sign structure removal in Runnemede

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced daytime closures on I-295, I-76, and Route 42 on Thursday for pothole repairs and overnight lane closures and detours on Route 42 Thursday night in Camden County.

## **Daytime Pothole repairs**

Beginning at 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. tomorrow, Thursday, February 10 there will be lane closures on I-295 northbound and southbound, I-76 eastbound and westbound, and Route 42 northbound and southbound in the vicinity of the Direct Connect project to repair potholes in Camden County. Work will be done as part of a moving operation, and typically one lane will be closed at a time while repairs are being made.

Motorists are advised to use caution, slow down, and move over if possible to give crews room to work safely.

## **Route 42 Overnight Lane Closures**

NJDOT's contractor, South State, Inc., is scheduled to close the two right lanes on Route 42 northbound and a single left lane on Route 42 southbound between the Bridge over Big Timber Creek and the Bridge over the New Jersey Turnpike between 8 p.m. Thursday, February 10 and 5 a.m. Friday, February 11. A single lane will be closed in each direction at 8 p.m. and then a double lane closure in the northbound direction between 10 p.m. until 5 a.m. Friday, February 11. At least one lane will be maintained overnight.

Between 11:59 p.m. Thursday, February 10 and 4 a.m. Friday, February 11 there will be temporary 15-minute stoppages of traffic with the assistance of the New Jersey State Police. The closures and traffic stoppages will allow the contractor to remove an overhead sign structure.

This work is part of the Missing Moves project that will build new ramps connecting Route 42 northbound to I-295 southbound, and I-295 northbound to Route 42 southbound in order to allow for the direct movement of traffic between the two roadways.

## Overnight lane closures continue for several weeks

In the coming weeks, there will be lane closures on I-295, I-76, and Route 42 Monday through Friday nights to allow for the Browning Road Bridge demolition. The closures are scheduled to take place from 9 p.m. until 6 a.m. the next day on I-295 southbound and I-76 eastbound/Route 42 southbound. Closures

on I-295 northbound and Route 42 northbound/I-76 westbound will take place from 9 p.m. until 5 a.m. the next day. <u>Click here</u> for a schedule of closures planned this week.

Typically, only two lanes of traffic in one direction will be closed at any one time with at least one lane open to traffic. To provide safety to workers and motorists, there is the possibility of temporary 15-minute traffic stoppages on some nights to accommodate the removal of bridge components that span additional lanes of traffic. In addition, there is the possibility for ramp closures and detours that have been used in the past, to provide additional safety.

The demolition of the Browning Road Bridge is beginning with the removal of pipe and conduit under the bridge, as well as installation of shielding under the bridge. When this work is complete, the deck will be removed and then the steel girders. Once all of the bridge structure over the I-295, I-76 and Route 42 is removed, demolition work will move to the east abutment and then to the west abutment. All of this work should be completed by spring.

The work is part of the Direct Connect 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 <a href="mailto:295DirectConnect.com">295DirectConnect.com</a> 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 <a href="www.511nj.org">www.511nj.org</a> for real-time travel information, and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter <a href="www.511nj.org">@NewJerseyDOT</a> or on the <a href="https://www.511nj.org">NJDOT Facebook page</a>.

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