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## Route 42 northbound lane closures tonight as Missing Moves project advances in Camden County New Exit 14 ramps to Benigno Avenue to open Wednesday morning

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced lane closures on Route 42 northbound tonight in anticipation of opening the newly constructed Exit 14 ramps tomorrow morning, as the I-295/Route 42 Missing Moves project advances in Bellmawr and Runnemede, Camden County.

Beginning at 10 p.m. tonight, Tuesday, July 19, until 6 a.m., tomorrow, Wednesday, July 20, NJDOT's contractor, South State Inc., is scheduled to close two lanes on Route 42 northbound between the Route 42 Bridge over the New Jersey Turnpike and Exit 14 to CR 753/Creek Road/Bellmawr to remove construction barrier and restripe the roadway. There may be temporary traffic stoppages overnight. At least two lanes of traffic will be maintained. The closures are necessary to shift Route 42 northbound traffic to the right, back into its original configuration.

By 6 a.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, July 20, the newly constructed Exit 14 ramps to and from Benigno Avenue will be opened. The new Exit 14 interchange is located just before the old Exit 14 interchange between Route 42 northbound and Leaf Avenue. Upon opening the Exit 14 ramps to and from Benigno Avenue, the existing Exit 14 ramps to and from Leaf Avenue will be permanently closed.

The \$180 million federally-funded project 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. These are commonly known as the "missing moves." The project will also include the demolition and reconstruction of the Creek Road Bridge over I-295 between Route 42 and Almonesson Road. The majority of the project will be built off of the roadways and will have minimal impact on traffic on Route 42 and I-295. The project is expected to be completed in late 2023.

Variable Message Signs are being utilized to provide advance notification to the motoring 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 construction updates and real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter <a href="www.9erseyDOT">@NewJerseyDOT</a> and our <a href="Facebook page">Facebook page</a>.

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