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I-76 eastbound lane closures and I-295 southbound/Al-Jo's Curve to be closed overnight next week in Bellmawr Closures necessary for a traffic shift for bridge work

(Trenton) – I-76 eastbound is scheduled to have lane closures on Monday night and the I-295 southbound ramp to Route 42 southbound and I-295 southbound, also known as Al-Jo's Curve, is scheduled to be closed and detoured Tuesday and Wednesday nights as the Direct Connection project advances in Bellmawr, Camden County.

Monday, February 24

Beginning at 10 p.m. Monday, February 24 until 5 a.m. Tuesday, February 25, the two right lanes on I-76 eastbound are scheduled to be closed after Exit 1B/I-295 northbound until past the temporary Browning Road Bridge. The closure is necessary to reposition construction barrier and restripe the roadway for an upcoming traffic shift.

Tuesday, February 25 and Wednesday, February 26

Beginning at 10 p.m. Tuesday, February 25 until 5 a.m. Wednesday, February 26, and again on Wednesday, February 26 at the same time, 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 Tuesday and Wednesday nights. The closures are necessary to shift traffic for pier and abutment work on 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:

<u>I-295</u> southbound to Route 42 southbound/I-295 southbound Detour:

- Motorists traveling on I-295 southbound wishing to continue onto 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

This 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 295DirectConnect.com 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 www.511nj.org for real-time travel information, and for NJDOT news follow us on X (Twitter) @NewJerseyDOT, on the NJDOT Facebook page, or Instagram @NewJersey.DOT.

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