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I-295 northbound Exit 27A to be closed tonight and I-295 southbound/Al-Jo's Curve closed Wednesday night in Bellmawr I-295 southbound ramp to Route 42 southbound closed Thursday night

(Trenton) – A series of lane and ramp closures are planned this week on I-295 northbound and the I-295 southbound ramp to Route 42 southbound and I-295 southbound, also known as Al-Jo's Curve as the Direct Connection project advances in Bellmawr, Camden County.

Tonight, Monday, April 14

Beginning at 9 p.m. tonight, Monday, April 14 until 5 a.m. Tuesday, April 15, 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 and detoured. In addition, the left lane on Route 42 northbound is scheduled to be closed after Exit 14B/Benigo Boulevard. The closures are necessary to install a precast pier cap. If work is not completed tonight, the same closures and detour will be in place on Tuesday, April 15 at the same time. The following detour will be in place:

I-295 northbound Exit 27A to I-76 westbound Detour:

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

Wednesday, April 16

Beginning at 10 p.m. Wednesday, April 16 until 5 a.m. Thursday, April 17, 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. The right lane on I-295 southbound also will be closed just after Exit 28/Route 168. The closures are necessary to shift traffic onto a new ramp. This work was originally scheduled for Friday, April 11 and was rescheduled due to weather. 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 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

By 5 a.m. Thursday, April 17, traffic using the I-295 southbound ramp to Route 42 southbound and I-295 southbound, also known as Al-Jo's Curve will be shifted onto a new ramp to I-295 southbound. The two right lanes will continue onto I-295 southbound, and the left lane will follow the current configuration and go to Route 42 southbound.

Thursday, April 17

Beginning at 10 p.m. Thursday, April 17 until 5 a.m., Friday, April 18, the I-295 southbound ramp to Route 42 southbound is scheduled to be closed and detoured for construction barrier work related to the traffic shift. The following detour will be in place:

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

- Motorists traveling on I-295 southbound wishing to take the left exit ramp to Route 42 southbound will be directed to stay right and continue on I-295 southbound
- Take Exit 25A/Route 47 southbound/Deptford/Glassboro
- Take the ramp onto I-295 northbound
- Take Exit 26 to Route 42 southbound

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 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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