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I-295 northbound and Route 42 northbound Exit 1B to I-295 northbound to be closed overnight this week in Bellmawr Closure necessary for bridge work and emergency guiderail repairs

(Trenton) – I-295 northbound and the Route 42 northbound Exit 1B to I-295 northbound are scheduled to be closed and detoured tonight for bridge work and emergency guiderail repairs as the Direct Connection project advances in Bellmawr, Camden County. This is a change to the work originally scheduled tonight because of rain forecasted for Wednesday.

I-295 northbound Closure

Beginning at 10 p.m. tonight, Tuesday, May 20 until 5 a.m. Wednesday, May 21, the two right lanes on I-295 northbound will be closed and detoured after Creek Road with traffic directed to stay left toward I-76/Camden/Philadelphia. The following detour will be in place:

<u>I-295 northbound Detour:</u>

- Motorists traveling on I-295 northbound will be directed to take old Exit 26/new Exit 27A (left exit), which becomes the left lane of 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 1B/I-295 northbound

In addition, the right lane on Route 42 northbound, which becomes I-76 westbound before the Browning Road Bridge, will be closed at the same time. Three lanes on I-76 westbound are expected to remain open. The closures are necessary to remove shielding under the new Browning Road Bridge that is under construction and for emergency guiderail repairs on I-295 northbound after Essex Avenue.

Route 42 northbound Closure

Beginning at 10 p.m. tonight, Tuesday, May 20 until 5 a.m. Wednesday, May 21, the right lane on Route 42 northbound is scheduled to be closed after Exit 14B/Benigo Boulevard, and the Route 42 northbound Exit 1B to I-295 northbound is scheduled to be closed and detoured. The following detour will be in place:

Route 42 northbound Exit 1B ramp to I-295 northbound Detour:

- Motorists traveling on Route 42 northbound wishing to take Exit 1B to I-295 northbound will be directed to continue on Route 42 northbound to 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 1B/I-295 northbound

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.