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I-295 north and Route 42 north ramp to I-295 north to be closed and detoured for two nights in Bellmawr Closures will allow milling and paving of I-295

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced overnight closures this weekend of I-295 northbound and the Route 42 northbound ramp to I-295 northbound as the Direct Connection project advances in Camden and Gloucester counties.

Starting at 10 p.m. tonight, Thursday, December 7 until 5 a.m. the next morning, and again at 10 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, December 8 until 5 a.m. Saturday morning, I-295 northbound will be closed with traffic detoured onto I-76 westbound at Exit 26. In addition, the Route 42 northbound ramp to I-295 northbound will be closed and detoured for milling and paving of I-295 and placement of construction barriers on the ramps.

I-76 westbound will have the two right lanes closed from 8 p.m. until 5 a.m. the next day tonight, Thursday, December 7 and tomorrow, Friday, December 8 as part of the <u>demolition of an overpass that</u> <u>began last week</u>. The following detours will be in effect:

I-295 northbound

- Motorists traveling on I-295 north will be directed to stay left and take Exit 26 for I-76 westbound
- Once on I-76 westbound, stay right and take Exit 2 for I-676 northbound
- Take Exit 1, Collins Avenue
- Turn right at the end of the ramp onto Collins Avenue and turn left onto I-676 south to I-76 east
- Take Exit 1B to I-295 north

Route 42 northbound to I-295 northbound

- Motorists traveling on Route 42 north will be directed to stay on Route 42, which becomes I-76 westbound
- Once on I-76 westbound, stay right and take Exit 2 for I-676 northbound
- Take Exit 1, Collins Avenue
- Turn right at the end of the ramp onto Collins Avenue and turn left onto I-676 south to I-76 east
- Take Exit 1B to I-295 north

Variable message signs are being utilized throughout the project limits to provide advance notification to motorists of all traffic pattern changes associated with Direct Connection. Throughout the project, NJDOT will provide information before upcoming lane closures or traffic shifts.

This work is part of the \$900 million 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. The Direct Connection project has been divided into four separate construction contracts, with completion of the fourth and final contract expected in the fall of 2021. NJDOT's <u>project website</u> provides construction activity schedules and updates.

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 <u>www.511nj.org</u> for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter <u>@NJDOT_info</u>.

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