



# NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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## **I-295, I-76, and Route 42 lane and ramp closures this weekend and next week in Bellmawr, Camden County** **I-295 southbound Al-Jo's Curve closed Friday and Saturday nights**

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced a series of lane and ramp closures on I-295, I-76, and Route 42 for this weekend and next week as the Browning Road Bridge demolition continues in Bellmawr, Camden County.

### **Friday, February 25 and Saturday, February 26**

NJDOT's contractor, South State, Inc., is scheduled to close the **I-295 southbound** ramp to Route 42 southbound/I-295 southbound, also known as Al-Jo's Curve, from 10 p.m. tonight, Friday, February 25 until 8 a.m. Saturday, February 26. The ramp may also be closed from 10 p.m. Saturday, February 26 until 8 a.m. Sunday, February 27. The two right lanes on I-295 southbound will also be closed both nights after Exit 28/Route 168. In addition, the right lane on I-76 eastbound will be closed both nights during the same time. All motorists traveling on I-295 southbound will be directed to stay left onto Exit 26. The following detour will be in place overnight:

#### I-295 southbound to Route 42 southbound/I-295 southbound detour:

- Motorists traveling on I-295 southbound to 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

### **Monday, February 28 and Tuesday, March 1**

The I-295 northbound Exit 26, which becomes the left lane of I-76 westbound, is scheduled to be closed from 9 p.m. Monday, February 28 until 6 a.m. Tuesday, March 1 and again from 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 1 until 6 a.m. Wednesday, March 2. The closure will allow underdeck and shielding work below the Browning Road Bridge. The following detour will be in place:

I-295 northbound Exit 26 to I-76 westbound detour:

- Motorists traveling on I-295 northbound will be directed to continue on I-295 north to Exit 27
- Take the left Exit 27 ramp to I-76 westbound

In addition, the Route 42 northbound left lane and the two left lanes on I-76 eastbound will be closed from 9 p.m. Monday, February 28 until 5 a.m. Tuesday, March 1 and again from 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 1 until 5 a.m. Wednesday, March 2.

**Wednesday, March 2 and Thursday, March 3**

The two right lanes on I-295 northbound are scheduled to be closed near the Creek Road overpass and then traffic will be detoured to Exit 26 where the highway splits for I-76 toward Philadelphia/I-295 toward Trenton from 10 p.m. Wednesday, March 2 until 6 a.m. Thursday, March 3 and from 10 p.m. Thursday, March 3 until 6 a.m. Friday, March 4.

The two right lanes on Route 42 northbound also are scheduled to be closed just before Exit 14/Leaf Avenue, as well as Exit 1B to I-295 northbound. The closure will allow underdeck and shielding work below the Browning Road Bridge. The following detours will be in place both nights:

I-295 northbound detour:

- Motorists on I-295 northbound will be directed to stay left and take Exit 26 for 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 to I-295 northbound

Route 42 Exit 1B to I-295 northbound detour:

- Motorists 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 to I-295 northbound

**Overnight lane closures continue for several weeks**

In the coming weeks, there will be lane closures on I-295, I-76, and Route 42 Monday through Friday nights to allow for the Browning Road Bridge demolition. The closures are scheduled to take place from 9 p.m. until 6 a.m. the next day on I-295 southbound and I-76 eastbound/Route 42 southbound. Closures on I-295 northbound and Route 42 northbound/I-76 westbound will take place from 9 p.m. until 5 a.m. the next day.

Typically, only two lanes of traffic in one direction will be closed at any one time with at least one lane open to traffic. To provide safety to workers and motorists, there is the possibility of temporary 15-minute traffic stoppages on some nights to accommodate the removal of bridge components that span additional lanes of traffic. In addition, there is the possibility for ramp closures and detours that have been used in the past, to provide additional safety.

The demolition of the Browning Road Bridge is beginning with the removal of pipe and conduit under the bridge, as well as installation of shielding under the bridge. When this work is complete, the deck will be removed and then the steel girders. Once all of the bridge structure over the I-295, I-76 and Route 42 is removed, demolition work will move to the east abutment and then to the west abutment. All of this work should be completed by spring.

The work is part of the Direct Connect 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](http://295DirectConnect.com) or text CONNECT to 1-844-844-3681.

Portable variable message signs are being utilized to provide advance notification to the 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 [www.511nj.org](http://www.511nj.org) for real-time travel information, and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter [@NewJerseyDOT](https://twitter.com/NewJerseyDOT) or on the [NJDOT Facebook page](#).

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