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New Missing Moves ramps between I-295 and Route 42 to open on Tuesday Project completed on time and on budget

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti today announced the opening of the new ramps connecting I-295 northbound to Route 42 southbound, and Route 42 northbound to I-295 southbound. These ramps for the first time will allow for the direct movement of traffic between the two roadways and are commonly known as the "Missing Moves."

The ramps are scheduled to be open before the morning commute tomorrow, Tuesday, November 28. In order to open the ramps, the right lanes on I-295 northbound and Route 42 northbound are scheduled to be closed beginning at 9 p.m. tonight, Monday, November 27 until 5 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, November 28. The closures are necessary to complete striping, install raised pavement markers (RPM), uncover new signs and remove construction barrels. Over the next few weeks there may be overnight closures on I-295 and Route 42 for minor work.

The \$180 million federally funded I-295/Route 42 Missing Moves project began in March 2020 and is being completed on time and on budget. The project, which has been discussed for decades, will ease congestion and improve safety for the nearly 150,000 motorists who travel through this corridor daily. In addition to the construction of the new ramps, the project also included:

- Demolition and reconstruction of the **Creek Road Bridge over I-295** between Route 42 and Almonesson Road, which was completed and opened to traffic in September 2022. Installation of electrical conduit, sidewalks and fencing was completed in September 2023.
- Redecking and widening of the I-295 Bridges over Big Timber Creek, which was
 necessary to accommodate traffic taking the I-295 northbound exit ramp to Route 42
 southbound, and to allow more room for traffic coming from Route 42 northbound to safely
 merge onto I-295 southbound.

- Relocating the Route 42 northbound Exit 14 interchange ramps with Creek Road/Leaf Avenue, which was permanently closed in July 2022 and the **new Route 42 northbound Exit 14B interchange** with Benigno Boulevard was opened.
- Restriping the **Route 55 northbound ramp to Route 42 northbound** to provide two lanes of traffic instead of one lane, which will ease congestion.

Motorists are encouraged to check NJDOT's traffic information website www.511nj.org for construction updates and real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on X (Twitter) @NewJerseyDOT and our Facebook page.

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