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I-295 overnight lane closures this week for overhead sign work in Mercer County Work to begin at Route 1 and move toward Delaware River

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the right lane and shoulder on I-295 is scheduled to be closed overnight for sign removal work in Mercer County.

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Tuesday, February 13 until 6 a.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, February 14, and continuing each night Monday through Thursday at the same time for the next few months, the right lane and shoulder on I-295 are scheduled to be closed. The right lane and shoulder are also scheduled to be closed this Friday, February 16 from 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. Saturday, February 17 to make up for work being postponed on Monday, February 12 due to the snow.

The work is necessary to remove the yellow "old exit number" signs that were installed when I-95 was redesignated I-295 and the exit numbers changed. The project began last week on I-295 northbound at the Route 1 interchange and will continue along I-295 northbound toward the Scudder Falls Bridge at the Delaware River and then switch to I-295 southbound and proceed toward the Route 1 interchange. There are a total of eight interchanges between Route 1 and the Scudder Falls Bridge with 31 signs that need to be removed. Tonight's work will be near the interchange of I-295 northbound and Route 31.

In 2018, a section of what was I-95 in New Jersey was redesignated as I-295 from the Route 1 Interchange to the Delaware River. Concurrently, the I-95 section in Pennsylvania, from the Delaware River south to a new interchange at the Pennsylvania Turnpike was redesignated as I-295. Seven interchanges in New Jersey and four interchanges in Pennsylvania were renumbered, as well as four exits on I-195 in Hamilton.

The redesignation was part of a larger project in which a new interchange was built to connect I-95 in Pennsylvania to I-276/Pennsylvania Turnpike in Bristol Township, Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania Turnpike connects to the New Jersey Turnpike at Interchange 6 via the New Jersey Turnpike Pearl Harbor Memorial Turnpike Extension in Florence, New Jersey. When the new I-95/Pennsylvania Turnpike interchange was completed, the highways were redesignated as I-95 to create a continuous I-95 from Pennsylvania through New Jersey.

Variable Message Signs will provide advance notification to motorists 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 $\underline{\text{www.511nj.org}}$ for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on X (Twitter) $\underline{\text{@NewJerseyDOT}}$ and on the $\underline{\text{NJDOT Facebook}}$ page.