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## I-295 northbound right lane daytime closure Monday in Bellmawr Browning Road Bridge demolition begins Monday night

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the right lane on I-295 northbound will be closed Monday morning, January 10 for attenuator and guiderail repairs in Bellmawr, Camden County. In addition, the demolition of the Browning Road Bridge is scheduled to begin Monday night, weather permitting.

## **Daytime Guiderail Repair**

NJDOT's contractor, South State, Inc., is scheduled to close the right lane on I-295 northbound beginning near the Essex Road overpass after Exit 26 where the highway splits for I-76 toward Philadelphia/I-295 toward Trenton on Monday, January 10, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.. The closure will continue through the tunnel and is necessary to repair two attenuators and guiderail. Traffic from I-76 eastbound Exit 1B going into the tunnel will not be affected. Four lanes of traffic will be maintained in the tunnel. Motorists should expect congestion on I-295 northbound and Route 42 northbound.

## **Overnight Browning Road Demolition Work**

Beginning Monday night from 9 p.m. until 6 a.m. the next day, the two right lanes on I-76 eastbound closed, as well as the I-295 southbound ramp to Route 42 southbound/I-295 southbound, also known as Al-Jo's Curve. The two right lanes on I-295 southbound will also be closed after Exit 28/Route 168. All motorists traveling on I-295 southbound will be directed to stay left onto Exit 26. The following detour will be in place overnight:

## <u>I-295 southbound to Route 42 southbound/I-295 southbound detour:</u>

- 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

The bridge demolition work will take place Monday through Friday nights and continue for approximately six weeks, weather permitting. 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 between 9 p.m. and 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 large pipes 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 will begin with the removal of pipe and conduit under the bridge, as well as installation of shielding under the bridge. This work is expected to take approximately two weeks. 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 <a href="mailto:295DirectConnect.com">295DirectConnect.com</a> 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 <a href="www.511nj.org">www.511nj.org</a> for real-time travel information, and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter <a href="www.seybot">@NewJerseyDOT</a> or on the <a href="https://www.seybot">NJDOT Facebook page</a>.

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