



# NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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## **I-295 northbound and Route 42 lane closures next week to prep final stage of temporary Browning Road Bridge installation Additional closures over several weeks needed to complete temporary bridge**

**(Trenton)** - New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today are reminding motorists of daytime lane closures on I-295 northbound and Route 42 on Monday and Tuesday next week to prepare for the third and final stage of the temporary Browning Road Bridge launch as part of the Direct Connection project in Bellmawr, Camden County.

### **Monday, August 23 and Tuesday, August 24**

From 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday, August 23 and Tuesday, August 24, NJDOT's contractor, South State, Inc., is scheduled to close I-295 northbound Exit 26 and the left lane on Route 42 in both directions. The closures are necessary to access the center pier of the temporary bridge for bearing work to prepare for the third stage of the bridge launch. If work is completed earlier, the lanes will reopen sooner.

### **Wednesday, August 25**

The third stage of the bridge launch is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, August 25. The NJ State Police are scheduled to implement traffic slowdowns and temporary traffic stoppages between 11 p.m. and 4 a.m., which could last between 15 to 30-minutes, while the temporary bridge is being moved into place. To facilitate the slowdowns and reduce time for a complete stoppage, the nearest on-ramps will be closed briefly by NJ State Police during the slowdowns.

The temporary bridge is located north of the existing bridge and will carry two lanes of traffic, pedestrians, and utilities during construction of the new Browning Road Bridge. It is being assembled in three main sections. As each section is completed, it will be launched into place.

This is the third of three stages to move the temporary bridge into position. The first stage was completed on Friday, July 30 and moved the bridge about 100 feet over the east abutment, stopping short of Route 42 northbound travel lanes. The second stage was completed Wednesday, August 11 and extended the temporary bridge across all of Route 42 northbound to the center pier in the median and partially over the Route 42 southbound lanes. The third stage will extend the temporary bridge across all lanes of Route 42 northbound and southbound to the west abutment.

After the entire temporary bridge is installed, there will be several additional weeks of work before traffic is shifted from the existing bridge to the temporary bridge. This includes completing the approaches, installing deck panels, securing utilities, and completing the pedestrian walkway. The temporary bridge is expected to be in service in the fall.

**Monday, August 30 to Wednesday, September 1**

From 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday, August 30, Tuesday, August 31, and Wednesday, September 1, NJDOT's contractor, South State, Inc., is scheduled to close I-295 northbound Exit 26 and the left lane on Route 42 in both directions. The closures are necessary to access the center pier of the temporary bridge for bearing work.

Once traffic is on the temporary bridge, the demolition of the existing bridge and construction of new median piers can begin. The demolition will be conducted overnight to minimize impacts to traffic. The temporary bridge is expected to be in use for approximately 18 months.

The work is part of the 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. 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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