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I-295 northbound Exit 26 to I-76 westbound ramp to be closed and detoured overnight as part of the Direct Connection project Route 42 lane closures also necessary for milling and paving

(Trenton) - New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the I-295 northbound Exit 26 ramp to I-76 westbound and lanes on Route 42 northbound will be closed for three nights for milling and paving as the Direct Connection project advances in Bellmawr, Camden County.

Beginning at 9 p.m. tonight, Thursday, October 3, until 6 a.m. Friday, and again on Friday, October 4 and Saturday, October 5 from 9 p.m. to 9 a.m. the next day, NJDOT's contractor, South State, Inc., will close the I-295 northbound Exit 26 ramp to I-76 eastbound in conjunction with lane closures on Route 42 northbound for milling and paving. The following overnight 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

The work is part of the \$900 million 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. The Direct Connection project has been divided into four separate construction contracts, with completion of the fourth and final contract expected in the fall of 2024. NJDOT's project website provides [construction activity schedules and updates](#)

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 for construction updates and real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter [@NJDOT_info](#) or on the [NJDOT Facebook page](#).

Please note, the NJDOT Communications Office has a new phone number – 609-963-1975.

