



NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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I-295 southbound/Al-Jo's Curve to Route 42 southbound/I-295 southbound overnight closures continue this week **Closures required to erect bridge piers**

(Trenton) - New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced continuing overnight closures of the I-295 southbound ramp to Route 42 southbound and I-295 southbound this week as the Direct Connection project advances in Bellmawr, Camden County.

Beginning at 9 p.m. tonight, Tuesday, December 8, until 5 a.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, December 9, and again Thursday night during the same hours, NJDOT's contractor, South State, Inc., is scheduled to close the I-295 southbound ramp to Route 42 southbound and I-295 southbound, also known as Al-Jo's Curve, to erect concrete bridge piers. All motorists traveling on I-295 southbound will be directed to stay left onto Exit 26. The following detour will be in place overnight:

I-295 southbound to Route 42 southbound/I-295 southbound detour:

- 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

An additional overnight closure may be required beginning at 10 p.m. Friday, December 11, until 7 a.m. Saturday, December 12. NJDOT will provide advance notice before any additional closures take place.

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. 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 real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter [@NJDOT_info](https://twitter.com/NJDOT_info).

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