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I-295 northbound and Route 42 lane closures next week to continue installation of temporary Browning Road Bridge Alternating traffic necessary on Browning Road during bridge installation

(Trenton) - New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced lane closures on I-295 northbound and Route 42, as well as alternating traffic on Browning Road next week for the second stage of the temporary Browning Road Bridge launch as part of the Direct Connection project in Bellmawr, Camden County.

One night next week between Monday, August 9 and Thursday, August 12, depending on the weather, 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 from 9 p.m. until 5 a.m. the next day. The closures are necessary to access the center pier of the temporary bridge during second stage of the launch. The lanes will reopen past the Browning Road Bridge over Route 42. If work is completed earlier, the lanes will reopen sooner.

In addition to the lane closures, between 11 p.m. and 4 a.m., the NJ State Police will implement traffic slowdowns and temporary 15-minute stoppages, which could be up 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 westbound lane on Browning Road also will be closed between Ivy Ridge Road and Victory Drive with alternating traffic using the eastbound lane between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. the next day. The closure is necessary to provide a buffer while the temporary bridge is pushed into place. NJDOT will provide advanced public notice with the specific night before the closures take place.

The temporary bridge is located north of the existing bridge and 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 pushed or launched into place.

This is the second 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. This second stage will extend

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 push 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.

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 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.

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