



# NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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## **I-295 northbound and Route 42 lane closures Wednesday night 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 on Wednesday night for the second stage of the temporary Browning Road Bridge launch as part of the Direct Connection project in Bellmawr, Camden County.

Beginning at 9 p.m., tomorrow, Wednesday, August 11 until 5 a.m. the next day, 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 during second stage of the bridge launch. If work is completed earlier, the lanes will reopen sooner.

In addition to the lane closures, the NJ State Police will 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 westbound lane on Browning Road will also 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 launched.

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 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 stage will extend the temporary bridge across all lanes of Route 42 northbound and southbound to the west abutment, and is expected to take place in the next few weeks.

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](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.

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