



NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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Browning Road Bridge lane closures Sunday to shift traffic onto temporary bridge New pedestrian detour to use sidewalk on north side of temporary bridge

(Trenton) - New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced lane closures with alternating traffic on Browning Road beginning on Sunday, October 17 in order to shift traffic onto the temporary Browning Road Bridge as part of the Direct Connect project in Bellmawr, Camden County.

NJDOT's contractor, South State, Inc., is scheduled to close one lane on Browning Road on Sunday, October 17 at 4 p.m. with alternating traffic. There also will be temporary stoppages of traffic on Browning Road overnight. The closures are necessary to complete paving and striping to shift traffic onto the temporary bridge. The temporary bridge will have one 12-foot lane in each direction and a sidewalk on the north side of the bridge. **Wide loads will be restricted.** Once traffic is shifted onto the temporary bridge, work will begin to demolish the existing Browning Road Bridge and construct the new bridge. The temporary bridge is expected to be in use for approximately 18 months.

Pedestrian Detour

The sidewalk on the northside of the Browning Road Bridge is currently closed with pedestrians detoured to the sidewalk on the south side of the bridge. For pedestrian convenience, NJDOT added a mid-block crosswalk west of Ivy Ridge Road. During the school year, the school district will provide a crossing guard at the crosswalk near Victory Drive.

When the temporary bridge opens, the pedestrian detour will be rerouted along the north side of the temporary bridge and will utilize the same crosswalks near Ivy Ridge Road and Victory Drive.

Willow Place Traffic Pattern Change

As part of the traffic shift, a new traffic pattern will be implemented for Willow Place in Bellmawr on Sunday night. The traffic pattern change is necessary because there is not enough room for traffic to safely exit Willow Place onto the approach to the temporary Browning Road Bridge. Once the new bridge is built, traffic will return to the original pattern.

Willow Place is located at the west end of the Browning Road Bridge and provides access to a parking lot for residences. The road will be extended from the parking lot to connect to the end of Victory Drive. The new traffic pattern on Willow Place will be one-way from Browning Road toward Victory Drive. Traffic on Willow Place will not be able to exit onto Browning Road and will need to

take Victory Drive to Browning Road. On Sunday night, the street parking in front of the residences facing Browning Road between Victory Drive and Willow Place will be replaced with striped parking spaces.

I-295 northbound daytime lane closure Tuesday

On Tuesday, October 19, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., the right lane on I-295 northbound will be closed beginning near the Essex Road overpass after Exit 26 where the highway splits for I-76 toward Philadelphia/I-295 toward Trenton. The closure will continue through the tunnel and is necessary for an inspection of monitoring devices in the tunnel. Traffic from I-76 eastbound Exit 1B going into the tunnel will not be affected. Four lanes of traffic will be maintained in the tunnel. Motorists should expect congestion on I-295 northbound and Route 42 northbound.

The work is part of the Direct Connect 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.

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 [@NewJerseyDOT](https://twitter.com/NewJerseyDOT) or on the [NJDOT Facebook page](#).

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