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## I-295 southbound lane closures tonight as Missing Moves project advances in Camden and Gloucester Counties Traffic will be shifted to create a center work zone

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced lane closures on I-295 southbound tonight as the I-295/Route 42 Missing Moves project advances in Bellmawr, Camden County and Deptford, Gloucester County.

Beginning at 9 p.m. tonight, Friday, March 18, until 7 a.m., tomorrow, Saturday, March 19, NJDOT's contractor, South State Inc., is scheduled to close two lanes on I-295 southbound between Creek Road and Almonesson Road to place construction barrier and restripe the roadway. There also may be temporary traffic stoppages overnight. At least one lane will be maintained. The closures are necessary to implement a traffic shift to create a center work zone on the Bridge over Big Timber Creek.

During this stage of construction, one lane of traffic will be shifted to the left onto the newly constructed portion of the bridge and two lanes will be shifted to the right. This will allow for a center work zone to demolish and reconstruct the center of the bridge. This stage of the project is expected to be completed by the summer 2022.

The \$180 million federally-funded project will build new ramps connecting Route 42 northbound to I-295 southbound, and I-295 northbound to Route 42 southbound in order to allow for the direct movement of traffic between the two roadways. These are commonly known as the "missing moves." The project will also include the demolition and reconstruction of the Creek Road Bridge over I-295 between Route 42 and Almonesson Road. The majority of the project will be built off of the roadways and will have minimal impact on traffic on Route 42 and I-295. The project is expected to be completed in late 2023.

Variable Message Signs are being utilized to provide advance notification to the motoring 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 <a href="www.511nj.org">www.511nj.org</a> for construction updates and real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter <a href="@NewJerseyDOT">@NewJerseyDOT</a> and our <a href="Facebook page">Facebook page</a>.