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I-295 southbound/Al-Jo's Curve to be closed and detoured tonight and Thursday night in Bellmawr, Camden County Overnight closure necessary in preparation of Friday night's traffic shift

(Trenton) - New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the I-295 southbound ramp to Route 42 southbound and I-295 southbound, also known as Al-Jo's Curve, is scheduled to be closed tonight and tomorrow night as the Direct Connection project advances in Bellmawr, Camden County.

The I-295 southbound ramp to Route 42 southbound and I-295 southbound will be closed beginning at 10 p.m. tonight, Wednesday, September 14, until 5 a.m. tomorrow, Thursday, September 15 and again tomorrow night, Thursday, September 15, at the same times. In addition, the right lane on I-295 southbound also will be closed after Exit 28/Route 168. The closures are necessary to prepare for a traffic shift on I-295 southbound that will shift traffic to the right near the Browning Road Bridge. The traffic shift is scheduled for Friday night. NJDOT will provide notice prior to any future closures. All motorists traveling on I-295 southbound will be directed to stay left onto Exit 26. The following detour will be in place:

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

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 <u>295DirectConnect.com</u> 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 <u>www.511nj.org</u> for real-time travel information, and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter <u>@NewJerseyDOT</u> or on the <u>NJDOT</u> <u>Facebook page</u>.