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Route 42 lane and ramp closures this week as Missing Moves advances

Closures necessary to install bridge shielding

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced overnight lane closures on Route 42 this week, as the I-295/Route 42 Missing Moves project advances in Bellmawr, Camden County. In addition, the Benigno Boulevard ramp to Route 42 northbound will be closed and detoured tonight and tomorrow night.

Monday, January 9 and Tuesday, January 10

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Monday, January 9, until 6 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday January 10, and again on Tuesday night at the same times, NJDOT's contractor, South State Inc., is scheduled to close the two right lanes on Route 42 northbound just before Exit 14B to just after the old Leaf Avenue ramp. The lane closures are necessary to install bridge shielding. At least two lanes of traffic will be maintained overnight on both nights. Motorists are advised to slow down, use caution, and expect delays or plan an alternate route.

In addition, beginning at 10 p.m. tonight, Monday, January 9, until 6 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, January 10, and again on Tuesday night at the same times, NJDOT's contractor, South State Inc., is scheduled to close and detour the Benigno Boulevard ramp to Route 42 northbound. The ramp closure is necessary to install bridge shielding. The following detour will be in place:

Benigno Avenue ramp to Route 42 northbound:

- Motorists on Benigno Avenue wishing to take the ramp to Route 42 northbound will be directed to Route 168/North Black Horse Pike southbound
- Turn right onto Route 41/West Clements Bridge Road southbound
- Stay right to take the ramp to CR 544 westbound to Route 42 northbound
- Take the ramp to Route 42 northbound

Wednesday, January 11 through Friday, January 13

Beginning at 8 p.m. Wednesday, January 11, until 6 a.m. Thursday, January 12, and again on Thursday and Friday nights at the same times, the two left lanes on Route 42 northbound will be closed just before Exit 14B to just after the old Leaf Avenue ramp. In addition, the two left lanes on Route 42 southbound will be closed on Friday night at the same times. The lane closures are necessary to install bridge shielding. At least two lanes of traffic will be maintained in both directions during construction. Motorists are advised to slow down, use caution, expect delays or plan an alternate route.

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 www.511nj.org for construction updates and real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter @NewJerseyDOT and our Facebook page.

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