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I-295 northbound Exit 26 daytime closure in Bellmawr In addition, I-295 southbound/Al-Jo's Curve to be closed and detoured tonight

(Trenton) - New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the I-295 northbound Exit 26 ramp to I-76 westbound is scheduled to be closed today for emergency guiderail and attenuator repairs as the Direct Connection project advances in Bellmawr, Camden County. In addition, 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.

From 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. today, Friday, May 5, the I-295 northbound Exit 26, which becomes the left lane of I-76 westbound, will be closed and detoured. The following detour will be in place:

I-295 northbound Exit 26 to I-76 westbound detour:

- Motorists traveling on I-295 northbound will be directed to continue on I-295 northbound to Exit 27
- Take the left Exit 27 ramp to I-76 westbound

In addition, the I-295 southbound ramp to Route 42 southbound and I-295 southbound will be closed beginning at 10 p.m. tonight, Friday, May 5 until 5 a.m. Saturday, May 6. The right lane on I-295 southbound also will be closed after Exit 28/Route 168. All motorists traveling on I-295 southbound will be directed to stay left onto Exit 26. The following detour will be in place overnight:

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>.

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