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Pile driving operations to begin during the day as Direct Connect project advances Work will not impact traffic

(Trenton) - New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the start of pile driving operations as the Direct Connection project advances in Bellmawr, Camden County.

From 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, August 18, and continuing daily Monday through Friday at the same time for several months, pile driving operations will take place. This work will not impact traffic. However, pile driving can create significant noise. Noise walls that were built earlier in the project separate the construction area from residents and should help minimize the disruption to the community.

The pile driving operation is split into two locations. An upper bench/platform closer to the cemetery property that will support the new I-295 southbound roadway and a lower bench/platform for the new concrete wall. Work will start with the upper bench, which is 301 piles, and is expected to take about six weeks. Once that is complete, work will shift to the lower bench, which is 350 piles. That work will take another eight weeks. The work is necessary to install piles that will support a concrete slab platform to support the aggregate base under the new roadway.

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 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](https://www.facebook.com/NJDOT).

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