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## **Phase III Construction Project on I-295 Northbound in Home Stretch *Travellers Should Expect New Traffic Pattern; Route 13 Southbound Ramp Re-opened***

(New Castle, DE) Beginning Tuesday, January 19 at approximately 9:30 a.m., Delaware River and Bay Authority (DRBA) contractors will establish a new traffic pattern on Interstate - 295 northbound by re-configuring the traffic from the left side of the highway to the right side of the highway. For the next two weeks, the contractor will be performing final milling and overlay to the left portion of the roadway. Two lanes of thru-traffic will be maintained through this final phase of the project. In addition, the Ramp from I-295 Northbound to U.S. Route 13 Southbound will re-open, one hundred days earlier than required by the contract.

During the duration of this final phase, the Ramp from I-295 Northbound to U.S. Route 13 Northbound will experience intermittent closures during the day time. This ramp is expected to re-open to traffic by 6:00 p.m. each day its closed. Mumford and Miller, the contractor for this Phase III Rehabilitation Project, is approximately 95% complete and the construction activity is expected to be wrapped up by Spring 2010, a full six months ahead of schedule.

The DRBA has designed the projects for as few delays as possible. However, during morning and evening rush hours, some delays should be expected. The safety of the traveling public and on-site highway contractors is the agency's highest priority. **The posted speed limit of 35 mph in the construction zone will be strictly enforced.** Commuters and travelers are urged to be careful and stay alert in and around construction zones, obey all posted speed limit signs, and plan to take a few extra minutes during their commute.

This construction activity is part of the \$26.8 million Phase III construction project on I-295 northbound and associated ramps that began in June 2008. This project is a collaborative effort between DRBA and the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) designed to improve roadway safety and operational capacity, while rehabilitating aging roadways, ramps, and bridges. New traffic patterns are being created and bridges no longer needed are being removed. An important element of this project is addressing an existing safety concern regarding traffic cutting across I-295 northbound lanes between I-95/I-495 and US13 which will be eliminated under this project. In addition, approximately 1.6 miles of I-295 northbound will be rehabilitated/reconstructed bringing the roadway up to today's federal guidelines.

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