



NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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Baekeland Avenue to be closed for railroad crossing removal this week in Piscataway **Necessary safety work will require detours**

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the start of a railroad crossing removal project that will require a three-day closure and detour of Baekeland Avenue in Piscataway, Middlesex County.

Beginning at 7 a.m., tomorrow, Tuesday, September 15, until 7 a.m. Friday, September 18, Baekeland Avenue is scheduled to be closed and detoured in both directions at the railroad crossing adjacent to the intersection with Normandy Drive. Construction will remove the existing railroad crossing, which is not currently in use, and resurface the roadway. Local access will be maintained for businesses. The following signed detours will be in place:

Baekeland Avenue eastbound detour:

- Motorists traveling on River Road wishing to travel eastbound on Baekeland Avenue will be directed to continue southbound on River Road/CR622 towards I-287
- Take the ramp onto I-287 south
- Take Exit 8 towards Route 18/Centennial Avenue/Highland Park/Middlesex
- Turn left onto Centennial Avenue
- Turn left onto Possumtown Road
- Continue on Possumtown Road back to Baekeland Avenue

Baekeland Avenue westbound detour:

- Motorists traveling on Possumtown Road wishing to travel westbound on Baekeland Avenue will be directed to continue southbound on Possumtown Road towards I-287
- Turn right onto the ramp to I-287 northbound
- Take Exit 9 towards River Road/Bound Brook/Highland Park
- Turn right onto River Road
- Continue on River Road back to Baekeland Avenue

Traffic detours will be coordinated with the local police. The road will be reopened if work is completed earlier than planned.

This federally-funded project is included within NJDOT's railroad grade-crossing safety program, which repairs, upgrades, or removes approximately 30 crossings each year, statewide.

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 [@NJDOT_info](https://twitter.com/NJDOT_info) or on the [NJDOT Facebook page](#).

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