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# Essex Street to be closed for railroad crossing repairs this weekend in Lodi, Bergen County Detours near Hackensack University Medical Center during construction

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced a series of three successive railroad crossing rehabilitation projects in Lodi, Bergen County near the Hackensack University Medical Center. The first of three repairs will require the closure and detour of Essex Street this weekend. Railroad crossings on Route 17 northbound and southbound will require 24-hour detours over upcoming weekends. NJDOT will provide notice prior to any future closures.

Beginning at 7 p.m. Friday, July 8, until 7 p.m., Monday, July 11, Essex Street will be closed in both directions between the Maywood Avenue intersection and Porter Avenue to remove the existing railroad crossing. These closures will allow NJDOT's contractor, NYSW Railroad Corp., to reconstruct the crossing and approaches. Access will be maintained for local traffic. The following car and truck detours will be in place:

# **Car Detours**

## Essex Street eastbound detour:

- Motorists on Essex Street eastbound will be directed to turn left onto Maywood Avenue
- Turn right onto Central Avenue
- Turn right onto Summit Avenue back to Essex Street

#### Essex Street westbound detour:

- Motorists on Essex Street westbound will be directed to turn right onto Summit Avenue
- Turn left onto Central Avenue
- Turn left onto Maywood Avenue back to Essex Street

### **Truck Detours**

# Essex Street eastbound detour:

- Trucks on Essex Street eastbound will be directed to turn left onto Maywood Avenue
- Turn right onto Passaic Street
- Turn right onto First Street back to Essex Street

# Essex Street westbound detour:

- Trucks on Essex Street westbound will be directed to turn right onto First Street
- Turn left onto Passaic Street
- Turn left onto Maywood Avenue back to Essex Street

In order to provide safer and smoother railroad crossing, the existing crossing will be replaced with new concrete crossings and asphalt approaches. This federally-funded project is included within NJDOT's railroad grade-crossing safety program which repairs, upgrades, or removes approximately 50 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 @NewJerseyDOT and on the NJDOT Facebook page.

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