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Route 17 northbound 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 are reminding motorists that Route 17 northbound will be closed for 24 hours this weekend for a railroad crossing rehabilitation project in Lodi, Bergen County near the Hackensack University Medical Center.

This is the second of three railroad crossing repair projects taking place over successive weekends in Lodi. The third project is scheduled for the following weekend and will require Route 17 southbound to be closed for 24 hours. NJDOT will provide notice prior to any future closures.

Beginning at 7 p.m. Friday, July 15, until 7 p.m., Saturday, July 16, Route 17 northbound is scheduled to be closed and detoured between the driveway to Home Depot and the Route 17 northbound exit ramp to Essex Street/Maywood/Saddle Brook. In addition, the ramp from South Summit Avenue to Route 17 northbound is scheduled to be closed. These closures will allow NJDOT's contractor, NYSW Railroad Corp., to remove the existing railroad crossing. The following detours will be in place:

Route 17 northbound detour:

- Motorists on Route 17 northbound will be directed to stay left to take the ramp to I-80 westbound
- Take Exit 63 to Route 17 to Route 4/Lodi/Fair Lawn
- Turn right onto Riverview Avenue
- Turn right onto Essex Street
- Turn right to take the ramp to Route 17 northbound

South Summit Avenue northbound detour:

- Motorists on South Summit Avenue northbound wishing to take the ramp to Route
 17 northbound will be directed to continue on Summit Avenue
- Turn left onto Essex Street
- Turn left to take the ramp to Route 17 northbound/Paramus

South Summit Avenue southbound detour:

- Motorists on South Summit Avenue southbound wishing to take the ramp to Route 17 northbound will be directed to turn right onto Essex Street, <u>before the ramp from</u> to Route 17 northbound
- Turn left to take the ramp to Route 17 northbound/Paramus

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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