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Route 46 eastbound to be closed for railroad crossing repairs tonight in Elmwood Park, Bergen County Detours necessary during construction

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced a series of two successive railroad crossing rehabilitation projects in Elmwood Park, Bergen County. The first of two repairs will require the closure and detour of Route 46 eastbound. The railroad crossing on Route 46 westbound will require a 24-hour detour over the upcoming weekend. NJDOT will provide further notice prior to any future closures.

Beginning at 7 p.m. tonight, Friday, July 29, until 7 p.m. tomorrow, Saturday, July 30, NJDOT's contractor, NYSW, will close and detour Route 46 eastbound between Mill Street and Mola Boulevard to permanently remove and pave over the existing railroad crossing. Access will be maintained for local traffic. The following detours will be in place:

Route 46 eastbound detour:

- Motorists on Route 46 eastbound will be directed to take the ramp to CR 507 North/River Drive/Ridgewood, <u>before the Route 46 and Garden State Parkway interchange</u>
- Stay right to continue on River Drive northbound
- Turn right onto Locust Street, before the River Drive and I-80 interchange
- Turn left onto Mulberry Street
- Turn right onto Market Street
- Turn right onto Mola Boulevard back to Route 46

Garden State Parkway northbound Exit 157 to Route 46 eastbound detour:

- Motorists on the Garden State Parkway northbound wishing to take Exit 157 to Route
 46 East/Garfield will be directed to take the ramp
- Turn right onto Mill Street
- Turn right onto Martha Avenue
- Turn right onto River Drive northbound
- Turn right onto Locust Street, before the River Drive and I-80 interchange
- Turn left onto Mulberry Street
- Turn right onto Market Street
- Turn right onto Mola Boulevard back to Route 46

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.

Variable Message Signs will be used to provide advanced notification to motorists. 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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