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Route 46 westbound 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 railroad crossing rehabilitation project in Elmwood Park, Bergen County. This is the second of two railroad crossing repairs and requires the 24-hour closure and detour of Route 46 westbound. Last week, the Route 46 eastbound crossing between Mill Street and Mola Boulevard was removed.

Beginning at 7 p.m. tonight, Friday, August 5, until 7 p.m. tomorrow, Saturday, August 6, NJDOT's contractor, NYSW, will close and detour Route 46 westbound 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 westbound detour:

- Motorists on Route 46 westbound will be directed to take the ramp to Mola Boulevard/Elmwood Park/Garfield
- Turn right onto Mola Boulevard
- Turn left onto Market Street
- Turn left onto River Drive
- Turn left to take the ramp to Route 46 West/Route 20 West/Route 21 West/Clifton

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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