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Route 17 northbound remains closed for emergency sign structure repairs following overturned tractor trailer in Mahwah Repairs expected to go through the evening commute

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced Route 17 northbound is expected to remain closed through the evening commute for emergency sign structure repairs following an overturned tractor trailer in Mahwah, Bergen County.

A tractor trailer traveling on Route 17 northbound overturned around 10 am this morning spilling its cargo of fruit. All lanes were closed in both directions. Around noon, one lane on Route 17 southbound was reopened. An overhead sign structure was struck, but it was not knocked down. However, NJDOT engineers determined the structure needs to be removed.

Route 17 northbound is expected to remain closed through the evening commute and should reopen later tonight. Route 17 southbound is expected to have lane closures with at least one lane open until the work is complete.

Motorists are advised to avoid the area and plan an alternate route. The following the detour is in place:

- Traffic on Route 17 northbound is being directed to the exit for Route 202
- Stay left on the ramp and turn left onto Route 202 southbound
- Follow Route 202 southbound to the I-287 interchange
- Take the ramp to I-287 southbound Or
- Go under I-287 and turn right onto Oakland Avenue at the traffic signal
- Stay right to take the ramp to I-287 northbound

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 construction updates and real-time travel information. For NJDOT news follow us on Twitter @NewJerseyDOT and our Facebook page.