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I-80 lane closures in both directions due to major crash in Hackensack, Bergen County Motorists should the avoid area and seek alternate routes

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced I-80 lane closures in both directions due to a major crash in Hackensack, Bergen County. **Motorists are advised to avoid the area and seek alternate routes.**

I-80 eastbound and westbound express lanes and I-80 westbound local lanes are closed between the New Jersey Turnpike and the Garden State Parkway due to a major crash between the Hackensack River and near Exit 66/Hudson St/Hackensack/Little Ferry. I-80 eastbound local lanes are open. In addition, the ramps from the New Jersey Turnpike to I-80 westbound are closed. Crews are working to reopen lanes as soon as the accident cleanup and crash investigation allows.

At approximately 12 midnight, Wednesday, May 22, a tractor trailer on I-80 eastbound crashed through the concrete median separating I-80 eastbound and westbound traffic, striking a box truck resulting in a fire. All lanes on I-80 eastbound and westbound express and local were closed. I-80 eastbound local lanes have reopened and one lane on I-80 westbound local lanes is expected to open soon.

NJDOT is activating the 511NJConnect system to advise motorists stuck in traffic because of the incident. **511NJConnect is not a substitute for calling 9-1-1** if a motorist has an actual emergency in their vehicle.

Motorists are advised to avoid the area and seek alternate routes, such as Route 46. Expect congestion and delays in the area through the day as crews complete the crash investigation and repair damage to the concrete median.

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 X (Twitter) @NewJerseyDOT and our Facebook page.