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Paine Avenue to be closed for railroad crossing repairs this week in Irvington, Essex County Detours necessary during construction

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced a railroad crossing rehabilitation project requiring the closure and detour of Paine Avenue in Irvington, Essex County.

Beginning at 7 a.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, July 6, until 7 a.m., Friday, July 8, Paine Avenue will be closed in both directions between Coit Street and the ramp to I-78 westbound to remove the existing railroad crossing. In addition, the righthand turning lane on the I-78 eastbound Exit 54 ramp will be closed and detoured. These closures will allow NJDOT's contractor, Tracks Unlimited, to reconstruct the crossing and approaches. Access will be maintained for local traffic. The following detour will be in place:

Paine Avenue eastbound detour:

- Motorists on Paine Avenue eastbound will be directed to turn left onto Coit Street/CR 509
- Turn right onto Chancellor Avenue/CR 601
- Turn right onto Summit Avenue
- Turn left onto Winans Avenue

Winans Avenue westbound detour:

- Motorists on Winans Avenue westbound, which becomes Paine Avenue, will be directed to turn right onto Summit Avenue
- Turn left onto Chancellor Avenue/CR 601
- Turn left onto Coit Street/CR 509
- Turn right onto Paine Avenue

I-78 eastbound Exit 54 ramp to Paine Avenue detour:

- Motorists taking the I-78 eastbound Exit 54 ramp to Irvington/Hillside wishing to take a right onto Paine Avenue westbound will be directed to stay left on the ramp
- Turn left onto Winans Avenue
- Turn left onto Summit Avenue
- Turn left onto Chancellor Avenue/CR 601
- Turn left onto Coit street/CR 509
- Turn right onto Paine Avenue

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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