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Route 17 southbound to be closed for railroad crossing repairs this weekend in Lodi, Bergen County Detours near Hackensack University Medical Center during construction

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced that Route 17 southbound will be closed for 24 hours this weekend for a railroad crossing rehabilitation project in Lodi, Bergen County near the Hackensack University Medical Center. This is the third of three railroad crossing repair projects taking place over successive weekends in Lodi.

Beginning at 7 p.m. Friday, July 22, until 7 p.m., Saturday, July 23, Route 17 southbound is scheduled to be closed and detoured between the Route 17 southbound exit ramp to Gregg Street/Lodi and the driveway to the West Marine strip mall. In addition, the ramp from Gregg Street northbound to Route 17 southbound is scheduled to be closed. These closures will allow NJDOT's contractor, NYSW Railroad Corp., to remove the existing railroad crossing. The following detours will be in place:

Route 17 southbound detour:

- Motorists on Route 17 southbound will be directed to take the ramp to Essex Street to I-80 westbound/Saddle Brook, which is before the closure
- Turn right onto Essex Street
- Turn left onto Riverview Avenue
- Turn left to take the ramp onto I-80 eastbound
- Take Exit 64 to Route 17 southbound to Route 46 eastbound/Hasbrouck Heights/Newark

Ramp from Gregg Street northbound to Route 17 southbound detour:

- Motorists wishing to take the ramp from Gregg Street to Route 17 southbound will be directed to travel southbound on Gregg Street, <u>away from the closed ramp</u>, which becomes Mill Street
- Turn left onto Garibaldi Avenue, which becomes West Pleasant Avenue
- Turn right onto Route 17 southbound

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.