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7th Avenue to be closed and detoured for railroad-crossing repairs beginning tomorrow in Belmar
Necessary safety work will require detours

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials announced today the start of a railroad crossing rehabilitation project that will require a one-week closure and detour of 7th Avenue starting tomorrow in Belmar, Monmouth County.

Beginning at 7 a.m., Thursday, May 14, and continuing daily Monday through Friday until Wednesday, May 20 at 7 p.m., 7th Avenue will be closed and detoured in both directions between Route 35/River Road and Main Street. Construction will remove the existing railroad crossing and replace it with a new concrete crossing, as well as new asphalt approaches for a safer and smoother railroad crossing. Local access will be maintained for residents and businesses. The following detours will be in place:

7th Avenue eastbound detour
- Motorists traveling on Route 35/River Road wishing to turn onto 7th Avenue will be directed to turn onto 10th Avenue
- Turn left onto Main Street and back to 7th Avenue

7th Avenue westbound detour
- Motorists traveling westbound on 7th Avenue wishing to continue to Route 35/River Road will be directed to turn left onto Main Street
- Turn right onto 10th Avenue
- Turn onto Route 35/River Road

The traffic detours will be coordinated with the local police. The road will be reopened if work is completed earlier than planned.

This federally-funded project is included within NJDOT's railroad grade-crossing safety program, which repairs, upgrades, or removes approximately 30 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 @NJDOT_info or on the NJDOT Facebook page.

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