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Squankum Road/CR 547 to be closed for railroad-crossing repairs in Howell, Monmouth County Detours necessary this weekend during construction

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced a railroad crossing rehabilitation project that will require the weekend closure and detour of Squankum Road in Howell, Monmouth County.

Beginning at 7 a.m., Friday, March 25 until 7 a.m. Monday, March 28, Squankum Road/CR 547 will be closed in both directions near the intersection of Waverly Place and Lanes Pond Road to remove the existing railroad crossing. This closure will allow NJDOT's contractor to reconstruct the crossing and approaches. Waverly Place and Lanes Pond Road will remain open. The following detour will be in place:

Squankum Road/CR 547 northbound detour:

- Motorists traveling on Squankum Road/CR 547 northbound will be directed to turn right onto East County Line Road/ CR526, <u>which is approximate three-quarters of a</u> <u>mile before the closure</u>
- Turn left onto Brook Road
- Turn left on Oak Glen Road
- Turn left on Randolph Road
- Turn right on Squankum Road/CR 547

Squankum Road/CR 547 westbound detour:

- Motorists traveling on Squankum Road/CR 547 southbound will be directed to turn left onto Randolph Road, <u>which is before the closure</u>
- Turn right onto Oak Glen Road
- Turn right on Brook Road
- Turn right on East County Line Road/ CR526 back to Squankum Road/CR 547

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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