



NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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Helen Street closed for railroad crossing repairs beginning Tuesday in South Plainfield, Middlesex County Detours necessary during construction

(Trenton) – Helen Street is scheduled to be closed and detoured beginning tomorrow between Durham Avenue and Coolidge Street for railroad crossing repairs in South Plainfield, Middlesex County.

Beginning at 7 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, July 22, until 5 p.m. Friday, July 26, Helen Street will be closed in both directions from Durham Avenue to Coolidge Street to remove and reconstruct the existing railroad crossing and approaches. Access will be maintained for local traffic. The following detours will be in place:

Helen Street eastbound detour

- Traffic on Durham Avenue wishing to take Helen Street eastbound will be directed to continue on Durham Avenue southbound
- Turn left onto New Durham Road/CR 501 northbound
- Turn left onto Talmadge Road
- Turn left onto Coolidge Street
- Turn left onto Helen Street

Helen Street westbound detour

- Traffic on Helen Street westbound will be directed to turn right onto Coolidge Street
- Stay right to merge onto Talmadge Road
- Turn right onto New Durham Road/CR 501 southbound
- Turn right on Durham Avenue
- Turn right onto Helen Street

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 X (Twitter) [@NewJerseyDOT](https://twitter.com/NewJerseyDOT) and on the [NJDOT Facebook page](#).

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