

Hudson-Bergen Light Rail Track Work Near Essex Street Station

March 21, 2008

Dear Resident:

Since Hudson-Bergen Light Rail opened in April 2000, we have provided transit service with minimal disruption to residents along the alignment. As with any transit system, track work must occasionally be performed to ensure that the system operates reliably and safely for many years to come.

We are writing to advise you that we will soon begin a project to replace track on the 90-degree turn between Essex and Hudson streets. This is the first time we have replaced this section of track since the system opened nearly eight years ago.

The project will begin on Saturday, April 5. While we will advance the project as quickly as possible, the work could extend until the weekend of May 25, depending on weather and other factors. All work will be done during daylight hours only on Saturdays and Sundays to minimize disruption.

- Major work will begin no earlier than 9 a.m. and will end no later than 7 p.m. each day, and all work will be confined to a 300-foot section of track near the intersection of Hudson and Essex streets.
- Residents may notice some noise while track work is being performed. This will be most noticeable during the first two weekends as crews remove the imbedded rails from the street.
- The driveways to both Goldman Sachs and Liberty Terrace will remain accessible. However, there may be times when crews will need to close the driveways for short periods as the old rail is removed and the new rail is set in place.
- On certain weekends, a limited number of parking spaces may be unavailable. Please look for posted signs when parking on the street.

While track work is being performed, light rail service will operate every 15 minutes in each direction, rather than the normal 7-8 minute intervals on weekends. At Essex Street station, one platform will be closed; all customers should use the open platform to board trains in either direction.

Please know that we will do everything possible to minimize disruption and inconvenience. If you have any questions, please contact NJ TRANSIT Customer Service at 1-800-772-2222.

We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

Sincerely,

NJ TRANSIT Community Relations