PUBLIC NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

<u>Take Notice</u> that the New Jersey Department of Transportation shall hold a <u>Public Hearing</u> on a recommendation it has received to designate the railroad at-grade crossing at Ridge Road and Consolidated Rail Corporation's Amboy Secondary, South Brunswick, Middlesex County as an Exempt Crossing pursuant to the N.J.S.A. 39:4-128(a) which authorizes the Commissioner of Transportation to designate an at-grade railroad crossing as an "Exempt Crossing".

Normally, the driver of any of the following is required to come to a complete stop before proceeding across a railroad crossing: an omnibus designated for carrying more than six passengers; any school bus carrying any school child or children; or any vehicle carrying any explosive substances or flammable liquids as a cargo or part of a cargo. Designation of a railroad crossing as an "Exempt Crossing" exempts the driver of any of the foregoing from having to come to a complete stop before proceeding across the crossing.

The Commissioner has determined that at the above mentioned crossing, the potential for damage and injury from accidents between motor vehicles required to stop at the at-grade crossing and other motor vehicles traveling in the same direction exceeds the potential for damage and injury from accidents between a train and a vehicle required by law to stop before a railroad crossing.

The <u>Public Hearing</u> shall be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2019, at Public Works Building, Room A&B, 540 Ridge Road, Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852 between the hours of 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

The Department requests those persons wishing to make an oral presentation to limit their comments to five minutes. A record of the hearing will be made. The record shall remain open for a period of twenty-eight days following the date of the public hearing. Interested persons may submit written comments until September 3, 2019 to Mr. Todd Hirt, Supervising Engineer, Railroad Engineering and Safety Unit, New Jersey Department of Transportation, 1035 Parkway Avenue, P.O. Box 600, Trenton, NJ 08625-0600.