

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Take Notice that the New Jersey Department of Transportation shall hold a Public Hearing on a recommendation it has received to designate the railroad at-grade crossing at County Route 539 and Clayton Sands Southern Line, Township of Manchester, Ocean County as an Exempt Crossing pursuant to the N.J.S.A. 39:4-128(a) N.J.S.A. 39:4128(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 crossings, 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 crossing.

The Public Hearing shall be held on Thursday, Wednesday, April 24, 2019, at the Manchester Township Municipal Building, 1 Colonial Drive, Manchester, NJ 08759 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 May 22, 2019 to Mr. Todd Hirt, Project Engineer, Railroad Engineering and Safety Unit, New Jersey Department of Transportation, 1035 Parkway Avenue, P.O. Box 600, Trenton, NJ 08625-0600.