



# CITY OF CLEARWATER

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### CSX Railroad Construction to Replace Railway Ties in Downtown Clearwater

**CLEARWATER, Fla.** – Sections of East Avenue throughout Clearwater will be closed from March 2 to May 31 to northbound and southbound traffic due to railroad construction. The railroad ties along East Avenue will be replaced. The road and all intersections along the road will be closed as follows:

- March 2 to 29 – East Avenue from Drew to Park streets will be closed.
- April 5 to 30 – East Avenue from Park Street to just north of Court Street will be closed.
- May 3 to 31 – East Avenue from Court to Turner streets will be closed.

Northbound and southbound traffic can use Myrtle and Fort Harrison avenues as detours, and detour signs will be posted for eastbound and westbound traffic at East Avenue intersections. Eastbound and westbound traffic will not be able to cross at the following intersections from March 2 to 29:

- Drew Street and East Avenue
- Grove Street and East Avenue
- Hendricks Street and East Avenue
- Laura Street and East Avenue
- Park Street and East Avenue

**EXCEPTION:** The intersection of Cleveland Street and East Avenue will remain open to traffic, as CSX completed the railroad tie replacement work during the Downtown Cleveland Street Streetscaping project a couple years ago.

Court Street will close for seven to 10 days in May. The Traffic Operations Division is developing a detour route with the Florida Department of Transportation.

This necessary maintenance and rehabilitation of Pinellas County's railway system is part of CSX Transportation Inc.'s railroad tie replacement program.

All railway improvements in Pinellas County are expected to be complete before Hurricane Season. For more information, call the City of Clearwater's Traffic Operations Division at (727) 562-4794.

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