



## Public Information Center

Wednesday, February 27, 2019, 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Route 46, Passaic Ave. to Willowbrook Mall  
Realignment and Bridge Replacement  
Municipalities of Fairfield Township and Wayne Township

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) is committed to developing transportation improvements that effectively balance transportation needs, environment, community concerns, and costs. NJDOT is holding a Public Information Center to inform local residents, officials, and the business community about the **Route 46 Passaic Avenue to Willowbrook Mall** project. You are encouraged to actively participate by attending the meeting and providing comments at the meeting, via mail, or by e-mail.

### The Meeting

The Public Information Center will be held on **Wednesday, February 27, 2019 in Wayne Township located at the Willowbrook Mall, Bloomingdale's Exhibit Court, 1400 Willowbrook Mall, Wayne, NJ 07470 from 5 pm to 8 pm**. You will have an opportunity to review exhibits of the proposed project, ask questions, and discuss any concerns with NJDOT staff members. If you are unable to attend but are interested in learning about this project, please contact us at the telephone number or email address listed below.

### Background

The Route 46 Passaic Avenue to Willowbrook Mall project extends from MP 55.01 at Passaic Avenue/Two Bridges Road in the Township of Fairfield to MP 55.81 in the Township of Wayne (about ¼ mile east of the West Belt Overpass). The project involves the addition of continuous auxiliary lanes from Passaic Avenue to the Westbelt Overpass at the Willowbrook Mall to improve traffic flow and safety. Route 46 will be realigned, and the Eastbound Route 46 Bridge over the Passaic River will be replaced in order to eliminate existing deficiencies and substandard conditions.

### The Project

Within the project area, Route 46 currently has two lanes in each direction and serves a commercial area with multiple driveways and ramps. The purpose of the project is to add a continuous auxiliary lane in each direction to improve traffic flow and safety in this area. The Eastbound Route 46 Bridge over the Passaic River, which was built in 1927, has been determined to be in poor condition and will be replaced. The Bridge is currently has spalling, corrosion, and deterioration throughout the structure. In addition to replacing the eastbound Route 46 Bridge, the project also will improve the roadway geometry in order to promote driver safety.

Additional work involves construction of scour protection in the river, utility relocations, drainage improvements, storm water management, lighting improvements, new ITS sign, new overhead signs, Right of Way, retaining walls, removal of an abandoned structure, minor access adjustments, and landscaping. The project will also support new jobs and maintain our highway infrastructure.

Construction operations are anticipated to take place during multiple stages due to the complex nature of the project. Work is expected to be completed throughout the daytime hours as well as nighttime hours.

### Traffic Control

In order to minimize construction impacts on the roadway and motoring public, multiple stages of traffic control will be utilized.

- Two lanes in both directions will be maintained during daytime hours throughout the duration of construction.
- Traffic to be reduced to one lane in each direction during the nighttime hours of construction at times.
- Detours will be required at times
- Access to adjacent properties will be maintained.
- Variable message signs will be placed in the area to notify motorists of the upcoming roadway lane reductions, detours, and changes in traffic pattern. NJDOT provides construction updates at [www.nj511.info](http://www.nj511.info).

### Estimated Schedule

Construction is estimated to begin in February 2019 and is anticipated to be completed in approximately four and a half years.

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