



Public Information Center

Tuesday, January 14, 2020 4:00 to 7:00 PM

Rt. 82 (Morris Ave.) over Rahway River

Preliminary Engineering

Springfield & Union Townships, Union County

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) is committed to developing transportation improvements that best balance the transportation needs, the environment, community concerns, and cost. NJDOT will hold a Public Information Center (PIC) to inform local residents, officials, and the community about the Preliminary Design for the replacement of Route 82 (Morris Ave.) Bridge over the Rahway River project. You are encouraged to participate by providing comments at the meeting, by mail, or e-mail.

THE MEETING

The PIC meeting will be held at the **Springfield Township Municipal Building Council Chambers, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 from 4-7 PM**. You will have an opportunity to review exhibits of the preliminary design, ask questions, and share information with NJDOT staff members. **Property owners of rental units are advised that tenants are also invited and encouraged to participate.**

BACKGROUND

The primary purpose of the Route 82 Rahway River Bridge project is to replace the bridge, which is in poor condition. The project limits are from MP 0.25 to MP 0.45, approximately from Marion Avenue in Springfield to Spruce Avenue in Union. During times of flooding the existing arch openings of the bridge restrict the river's flow, thus contributing to flooding of the roadway and adjacent properties. The bridge replacement will result in decreased clogging of the bridge openings and flood levels.

The new bridge will preserve the inherent architectural characteristics and historic features.

THE PROJECT

The proposed design will address existing safety and operational issues by constructing the Route 82 bridge to provide a consistent roadway cross section. The roadway section will include one 11-foot lane, one 13-foot lane and a 5-foot sidewalk in each direction. Substandard geometric features will be improved where possible, while preserving existing cultural and environmental features as applicable.

The intent of the project will be to utilize Accelerated Bridge Construction (ABC) methods to significantly shorten the anticipated overall roadway closure period required to replace the bridge. The roadway will be closed to all traffic for approximately eight (8) weeks during the bridge replacement.

Traffic detours will be required to advance the ABC construction. The project will include traffic signal modifications /upgrades and timing adjustments to improve the flow of traffic along the detour routes. NJDOT will investigate ways to maintain pedestrian mobility during construction.

The project will not require any permanent right-of-way acquisitions. Temporary impacts to the Rahway River Parkway County Park and the Rahway River Parkway and Union County Park System Historic Districts are anticipated during the bridge replacement. Additionally, driveways & side-streets within the limits of the project will be regraded to tie into the new edge of pavement. Compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) will be achieved by upgrading curb ramp locations and crosswalk striping. Minor utility relocations will be necessary to accommodate the construction activities.

The structure, although not individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, is a contributing resource to the National Register-eligible Rahway River Parkway Historic District. The NJDOT will complete the Section 4(f) and Green Acres processes for the park land impacts and replacement of the bridge. The environmental impacts caused by the project will be mitigated as stipulated by the resource agencies.

ANTICIPATED CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

- End Preliminary Engineering: Fall 2020
- Start Final Design: Winter 2020
- Start Construction: Winter 2022
- End Construction: Fall 2023

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