



Virtual Public Information Center July 15, 2020 through July 28, 2020 I-80/Route 15 Interchange Improvements Wharton Borough and Rockaway Township, Morris County

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), committed to developing transportation improvements that best balance transportation needs, the environment, community concerns and costs, will hold a **virtual Public Information Center (PIC)** to provide local residents and businesses with information on the **I-80/Route 15 Interchange Improvements project**. You are encouraged to actively participate by providing comments at the end of the presentation, by e-mail or by mail.

The Presentation

Due to the declared COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency, and in order to maintain recommended social distancing practices, the Public Information Center will be conducted virtually at the following website:

<https://www.dewberry.com/njdot-i80-rt15-interchange>

Please view the presentation at a time that is convenient for you between July 15, 2020 and July 28, 2020. The purpose of the presentation is to provide information about the proposed improvements at the I-80/Route 15 Interchange. After the presentation, you will have an opportunity to submit comments to the NJDOT. Property owners with rental units are advised that tenants are also invited and encouraged to participate. If you are unable to view the presentation but are interested in learning about this project, please contact us at the telephone number or email address listed below.

Background

The interchange of I-80 and Route 15 does not have a direct ramp connection for all possible movements between these roadways. The need to rehabilitate several existing bridges on I-80 and Route 15 also will be addressed.

Project

NJDOT proposes to do the following work:

- Construct new ramps to connect Route 15 Northbound to I-80 Westbound and I-80 Eastbound to Route 15 Southbound
- Replace the I-80 Eastbound bridge over the former Mt. Hope Mineral Railroad
- Replace the Route 15 Northbound bridge over the former Mt. Hope Mineral Railroad
- Replace the Route 15 Northbound bridge over the Green Pond Brook

- Replace the Route 15 Southbound bridge over North Main Street Extension
- Widen the I-80 Eastbound and I-80 Westbound bridges over North Main Street (CR 634)
- Replace the traffic signal at the Route 15 and East Dewey Avenue (CR 642) intersection
- Install American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant curb ramps and install new sidewalk along Route 15

Work is anticipated to be performed during off peak daytime hours and nighttime hours.

Historic and Cultural Resources

Federal regulations pertaining to the protection of historic properties, referred to as the Section 106 process, require the NJDOT to take into account the effect of proposed projects upon historic resources listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places.

NJDOT is required to solicit public input to assist it to carry out the Section 106 process. Historic preservation organizations, historical societies, and similar groups, or individuals with information about cultural resources (archaeological or architectural) in the project area are encouraged to submit comments after the virtual Public Information Center presentation or comments may be submitted to:

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Estimated Schedule and Cost

- Construction is anticipated to begin in Spring 2025 and be completed in approximately four years
- Construction cost is estimated to be \$95 Million

For further information, please contact:

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