



Virtual Public Information Center

Date: May 18, 2021 – May 24, 2021

Rt. 9, Longboat Ave. to Beachwood Blvd. & Rt. 166, Pennant Ave. to Beachwood Blvd.
Beachwood and Pine Beach Boroughs, Ocean County, NJ

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 **Route 9, Longboat Avenue to Beachwood Boulevard & Route 166, Pennant Avenue to Beachwood Boulevard** Concept Development project. You are encouraged to actively participate by providing comments by mail or e-mail.

THE MEETING

Due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, the Public Information Center will be held virtually. Please visit the following website any time between and to learn more about the project and leave comments:

<http://bit.ly/njdotroute9>

You will have an opportunity to review a presentation, exhibits of the relevant items, submit questions, and leave feedback. Property owners with rental units are advised that tenants are also invited and encouraged to participate.

BACKGROUND

The Route 9 corridor in this portion of Ocean County serves as an Evacuation Route and is the main north – south connector for vehicular traffic.

The initial Problem Statement was developed to investigate the Washington Avenue skew traffic signal installation with Route 9 and develop alternatives to improve safety in the area.

The project limits were expanded from one intersection at Washington Avenue to the roadway network which encompasses Motor Road/Gladney Avenue – the intersection of Route 9/Route 166 - to the northern limit of Beachwood Boulevard.

This area is being investigated to address the safety and functionality of this roadway and develop a more efficient and effective geometry to minimize congestion and enhance roadway compatibility for motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists.

THE PROPOSED PROJECT

The Initially Preferred Alternative (IPA) consists of roundabouts at two (2) locations:

1. Route 9 and Gladney Avenue/Motor Road
2. Route 9 and Washington Avenue

The intersection of Route 9 and Route 166 will be reconfigured by simplifying the existing geometry and replacing the existing configuration with a new signal at Lookout Street and Route 9/Route 166. The closely-spaced intersections of Route 9 with Mizzen Avenue and Washington Ave would be reconfigured as a combined double roundabout (peanut shape) and the intersection of Route 9 with Gladney Ave/Motor Rd would be reconfigured as a standard roundabout. Signal optimization would be conducted throughout the study corridor to maximize traffic flow.

TRAFFIC IMPACTS DURING CONSTRUCTION

During weekday/weekend peak hours all lanes of traffic will be maintained during the summer season (Mid-May through Mid-September). The existing one-lane in each direction and access to all businesses and residents will be maintained.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Begin Preliminary Engineering	Fall, 2021
Begin Final Design	Fall, 2022
Start Construction:	Spring, 2024
Complete Construction:	Spring, 2026

For further information, to submit a comment, or for special accommodations, please contact:

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Project Location Map