



## Virtual Public Information Center

**Date: January 24, 2022 – February 6, 2022**  
**Route 159, Bridge over Branch of Passaic River**  
Montville Township, Morris 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 is holding a **Virtual Public Information Center (PIC)** to provide local residents, officials, and businesses with information on the **Route 159, Bridge over Branch of Passaic River project**. You are encouraged to actively participate by providing comments by mail or email.

### The Presentation

Due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, the Public Information Center will be held virtually. Please visit the following website any time between **January 24, 2022 and February 6, 2022** to learn more about the project and leave comments:

<https://development-mt.com/Route-159-Bridge/>

You will have an opportunity to review a presentation, submit questions, and leave feedback. 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 NJDOT as the telephone number or email address listed below.

### Background

The Route 159, Bridge over Branch of Passaic is located on Route 159 at Mile Post 0.25 in Montville Township, Morris County. The bridge was originally constructed in 1921 and then widened in 1940. The bridge is a single span, concrete encased rolled steel girder structure with a cast-in-place deck. It carries two lanes of traffic in both the eastbound and westbound directions along with inside and outside shoulders separated by a raised grass median.

### Project Purpose and Need

The purpose of the project is to address declining conditions of Route 159 Bridge over Branch of Passaic River and to enhance the safety of the traveling public on the structure.

The overall condition of the structure is satisfactory due to the condition of the superstructure and substructure. The bridge deck is poor condition. All bridge elements have reached the end of their reasonable expected service life, as the bridge is 100 years old and carries a high volume of traffic.

### Proposed Project

The Preliminary Preferred Alternative for the project includes the following:

- Full Bridge Replacement of the existing structure with a Precast Concrete Arch Culvert.
- Widening of existing 1'-0" inside shoulders on the bridge to meet required minimum inside shoulder width of 3'-0".
- Replacement of the existing sidewalks on the bridge with 10'-3" wide mixed-use outside shoulders.
- Provide bridge parapets and guiderail attachments to meet current standards.
- Maintain existing lane configurations in the eastbound and westbound directions along with the existing horizontal and vertical alignments.

### Estimated Schedule

- Start Preliminary Engineering: Spring 2023
- Start Final Design: Fall 2024
- Start Construction: Fall 2026
- Complete Construction: Winter 2027

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