



Virtual Public Information Center

Date: May 19, 2022 to May 26, 2022

Chapel Drive & Griggstown Causeway Bridges over the D&R Canal

Franklin Township, Somerset County, New Jersey

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, businesses, and the general public with information on the **Chapel Drive & Griggstown Causeway over D&R Canal Bridge Replacement 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 from **Thursday, May 19 to Thursday, May 26, 2022** to learn more about the project and leave comments:

<https://ChapelGriggstownPIC.org/>

You will have an opportunity to review a presentation, view project information and submit comments. 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 more about this project, please contact NJDOT at the telephone number or email address listed below.

Project Background

Purpose: The purpose of the project is to replace the bridges, which are both in poor condition. Chapel Drive Bridge replacement will be staged construction to maintain access to the Pillar of Fire Campus. Griggstown Causeway Bridge replacement will require a detour route during construction.

Need: Chapel Drive Bridge was built in 1951 and reconstructed in 1997. Griggstown Causeway Bridge was built in 1950 and reconstructed in 1990. Due to the poor conditions of the substructure and low inventory rating, both bridges require replacement to provide a safe and efficient bridge crossing.

Project: The proposed Chapel Drive Bridge will be a single-span steel plate girder bridge with plank decking. The proposed Griggstown Causeway Bridge will be a single-span steel plate girder bridge with a concrete deck and timber sidewalk surface.

Additional improvements include:

- Widening of bridges within the project limits
- Raising the roadway profile
- ADA-compliant sidewalk
- Structural bridge railing

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. If you would like more detailed information on the Section 106 process, please reference the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's *A Citizen's Guide to Section 106 Review*, available online at:

https://www.achp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2021-01/CitizenGuide2021_011321.pdf

NJDOT is required to solicit public input to assist in carrying 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 attend the Public Information Center or comments may be submitted to:

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NJ Department of Transportation
Bureau of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Solutions
PO Box 600
Trenton, NJ 08625
Email: JohnP.Mikusa@dot.nj.gov

Estimated Schedule

- Complete Preliminary EngineeringFall 2022
- Start Final Design*..... 2022
- Start Construction (anticipated)*..... 2025
- Complete Construction (anticipated)*..... 2026

**Contingent upon funding availability*

For further information, please contact:

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For any comments, please contact:

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Please include your name, e-mail address & phone number.

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