

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTER
TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2002 – 3:00 PM TO 7:00 PM
JERSEY CITY, CITY HALL, 280 GROVE STREET
ROUTE 1&9T (25)
ST. PAUL'S VIADUCT REPLACEMENT
JERSEY CITY, HUDSON COUNTY

The Meeting: This Public Information Center is being held by the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) to present and provide, for review, the proposed plans for the Route 1&9T (25) St. Paul's Viaduct Replacement.

This Center includes representatives of the NJDOT and its design consultant who seek to inform residents, property owners, community leaders and other stakeholders directly affected by the project of the Department's goals and objectives. **An important element of today's Public Information Center is the exchange of ideas and comments with the affected community.** Your comments are very important to the ongoing design and environmental process.

Project Modification: A Public Hearing on the Environmental Assessment/Section 4(f) Evaluation was held on December 3, 2001. Since then, the configuration of the west end of the Rt. 1&9T(25) project has changed. Revisions have been made to accommodate the proposed replacement of the Route 7-Wittpenn Bridge. The Wittpenn Bridge project is a separate project in the NJDOT. The changes to the Route 1&9T(25) project consist of maintaining the traffic signals currently being installed at the Charlotte Avenue/Route 1&9T/Route 7 intersection. Additionally, the western project limits will end before the Wittpenn Bridge. The Information Center is for all interested parties to review the new configuration of the Route 1&9T(25) project made necessary by the Route 7-Wittpenn Bridge Project.

Project Background: The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) is proposing to improve a section of US Route 1&9 Truck (1&9T) and adjacent roadways in Jersey City in Hudson County, New Jersey. As the "Truck" designation infers, Route 1&9T is a major transportation route within the region and is vital to the efficient movement of people and goods within the New York metropolitan area. This transportation corridor is extremely complex with both rail facilities and roadways converging to form a vital link in the transportation network serving the metropolitan area.

The Charlotte Circle, the Tonnele Circle, and the Route 1&9T viaduct that connects the two circles are three key facilities at the center of an important transportation network for the movement of people and goods in the New York metropolitan area. The proposed action will replace the deteriorating viaduct, improve the flow of traffic through the circles and associated roadways, and help to maintain the movement of goods through the area.

The proposed action has been designed to address four major needs and goals:

- 1 Replace the 1&9T viaduct because of its structural deficiencies and obsolescence.
- 2 Provide an efficient and safe network of ramps and roadways that improves the movement of people and goods on Routes 1&9, 1&9T, 7, and 139 in the vicinity of the project site.
- 3 Provide a more continuous flow of traffic from Route 1&9 southbound onto the Pulaski Skyway.
- 4 Minimize social and environmental impacts, and meet the project needs in a cost-effective manner.

The Project: The proposed project would replace the Route 1&9T viaduct over St. Paul's Avenue with a new structure on a new alignment north of the present structure. The new alignment requires the construction of new approach roadways, which would provide connections to Route 1&9T, Route 7, Pulaski Skyway, Route 139, Route 1&9 north of Tonnele Circle, and local streets in Jersey City.

Project Status: This project is presently in the Final Scope Development phase. An Environmental Assessment/ Section 4(f) Evaluation was prepared to identify and evaluate the potential social, economic and environmental impacts of the project. An Addendum to the Environmental Assessment was prepared to address the possible environmental effects of the modified project. If it is determined that no significant impacts were identified, a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be issued.

Project Cost: The current construction cost of this Federally funded project, including design, R.O.W., utilities, etc. is estimated to be \$197 million.

Tentative Project Schedule:

Begin Design Development: October 2002
Begin Construction: May 2005
Anticipated Completion: November 2008

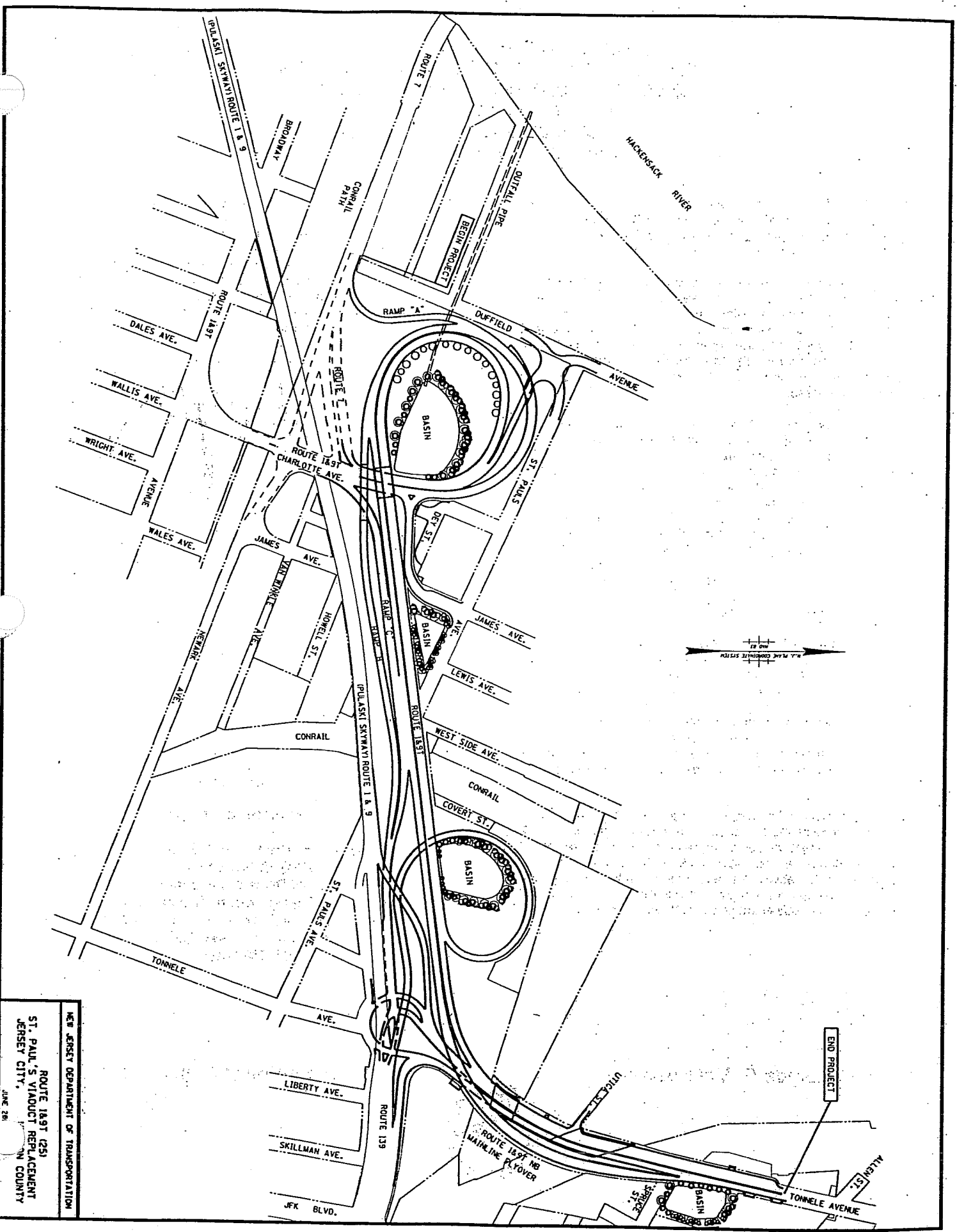
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