



Public Information Center

March 4, 2020 from 5-7 pm

Route 31 Bridge Over Furnace Brook

Township of Oxford

Warren County

Oxford Township Municipal Building, 11 Green St., Oxford NJ 07863

As part of our commitment to developing transportation improvements that best balance transportation needs, the environment, community concerns, and cost, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) will hold a Public Information Center (PIC) to provide local residents and businesses with information regarding the Route 31 Bridge Over Furnace Brook Replacement project. **You are encouraged to actively participate by providing comments at the meeting, by mail, or by e-mail.**

The Meeting

The PIC will be held on March 4, 2020 from 5-7 pm at the Oxford Township Municipal Building, 11 Green St., Oxford NJ 07863. You will have an opportunity to review exhibits of the project, ask questions, and discuss any concerns with NJDOT staff members. Property owners of rental units are advised that tenants are also invited and encouraged to participate.

Background

The Route 31 Bridge over Furnace Brook is in poor condition. The purpose of this projects is to replace the existing bridge and bring this area of the roadway up to current geometric, safety and structural standards. This project also will improve pedestrian mobility and highway safety. The proposed project limits along Route 31 are from Kent Street to Washington Avenue.

Proposed Construction

The NJDOT proposes the following improvements:

- The existing bridge will be replaced.
- Along Route 31, the proposed structure will carry two 12-foot wide northbound lanes, one 12-foot wide southbound lane, one 13-foot wide southbound shoulder, and one 6-foot wide sidewalk on the southbound direction.

- Along Port Colden Road, the bridge will carry one 14.5-foot wide travel lane eastbound, as well as one 14.5-foot wide travel lane and one 6-foot wide sidewalk westbound.
- Additional improvements include replacement of the traffic signal, extending the auxiliary lane along Route 31 northbound north of Wall Street/ Port Colden Road, drainage improvements, and bringing the existing guide rail into conformance with current standards.
- The project will enhance pedestrian accessibility with Americans with Disability Act (ADA) compliant ramps, crosswalks, pedestrian push-buttons, and countdown pedestrian signal heads.

Construction Staging

Construction will be performed in stages with the portion of the bridge along Port Colden Road and the eastern half of Route 31 being replaced in Stage 1. One lane will be maintained in each direction on Route 31. Port Colden Road and the Wilkinson baseball field driveway will be closed. In Stage 2, the western half of Route 31 will be replaced. One lane will be maintained in each direction on Route 31 and Port Colden Road will be open.

Project Schedule

Preliminary Engineering Design:	April 2021
Final Design:	April 2023
Contract Award:	Summer 2023
End Construction:	Summer 2025

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