



Virtual Public Information Center

Date: April 1, 2021 – April 16, 2021
Route 9/35, Main Street Interchange
South Amboy City, Middlesex County

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 9/35, Main Street Interchange 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 April 1 and April 16 to learn more about the project and leave comments:

www.Route9-35PIC.com

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 overall purpose of this project is to enhance safety and improve operations at the interchange of Route 9 and Route 35 from Route 9/Main Street to Route 9/35 at the bridge that carries Route 9/35 northbound over Conrail tracks. The high truck volume and substandard design features contribute to excessive delays and a high number of same direction crashes.

THE PROPOSED PROJECT

The Preliminary Preferred Alternative (PPA) consists of constructing a new ramp and acceleration lane to replace the existing substandard loop ramp from Route 9 northbound to Route 9/35 northbound (at the Interchange). The existing exit ramp to Washington Street would be permanently closed. The ramp from

Route 9/35 southbound to Route 9 southbound would be replaced with a new ramp that meets current standards. This will require the widening of Route 9/35 between Route 9/Main Street and the bridge over Conrail tracks to provide acceleration and deceleration lanes.

Two bridges within the project limits will require replacement and one bridge could be removed. More specifically, the project includes replacement of the bridge that carries Route 9/35 northbound and southbound over Route 9/Main Street; replacement of the bridge that carries Route 9/35 northbound and southbound over Washington Avenue; and removal of the bridge that carries Route 9/35 northbound and southbound over Conrail tracks (abandoned). The profile along Route 9/35 must be raised significantly between mileposts 129.81 and 130.20 to provide adequate vertical clearance for all roads passing underneath Route 9/35. Improvements along Route 9/Main Street will be made underneath and in surrounding areas of the structure that will be replaced. The project also includes new overhead and cantilever sign structures, guide rail and sidewalk.

Additionally, the PPA also proposes the construction of two basins at the Route 9/35 and Route 9/Main Street interchange in order to comply with NJDEP Stormwater Management (SWM) Rules. Full and partial right of way takings, as well as permanent and temporary easements, are anticipated for this project. One full residential acquisition is anticipated at the Route 9/35 and Route 9/Main Street interchange.

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