



## Public Information Center

**Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**  
**Route US 202 over North Branch of Raritan River Bridge Replacement**  
**Milepost 32.4 to 32.7**  
**Preliminary Engineering**  
**Bedminster Township and Far Hills Borough, Somerset County**

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) is committed to developing transportation improvements that best balance the transportation needs, the environment, community concerns, and cost. NJDOT will hold a **Public Information Center (PIC)** to inform local residents, officials, and the community about the **Preliminary Project Plan for the Route US 202 over North Branch of Raritan River Bridge Replacement** project. You are encouraged to participate by providing comments at the meeting, by mail, or e-mail.

### THE MEETING

The PIC meeting will be held at the **Bedminster Town Hall, One Miller Lane, Bedminster, NJ on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, from 6-8 PM**. You will have an opportunity to review exhibits of the project plan, ask questions, and share information with NJDOT staff members. Property owners of rental units are advised that tenants are also invited and encouraged to participate.

### BACKGROUND

The overall purpose of this project is to replace Structure No. 1809-150, which carries Route US 202 over the North Branch of the Raritan River. The existing bridge was originally constructed in 1922. In the latest Bridge Re-evaluation Survey Report the bridge was considered structurally deficient and functionally obsolete, therefore requiring replacement.

Route US 202 is an Urban Minor Arterial that passes through Bedminster Township and Far Hills Borough west to east in Somerset County, New Jersey. Within the project limits, the posted speed is 35 mph. The bridge and approach roadway section has one northbound lane and one southbound lane with no designated shoulders. A 6-foot sidewalk exists on the southbound side of the roadway. At the project location, the North Branch of Raritan River runs northwest to southeast under Route US 202 at MP 32.54.

### THE PROJECT

The Project Plan consists of a full structure replacement of the existing Route US 202 Bridge over North Branch of Raritan River. The proposed design will address the existing structural deficiency and remove the bridge from the

functionally obsolete list. The new bridge will be a two-span (simply-supported) precast concrete spread box beam structure supported by semi-integral abutments on micropile foundations and a single pier on spread footing located in the North Branch of Raritan River.

The bridge will support a wider section to accommodate one 11-foot lane and one 8-foot shoulder in each direction. A 6-foot sidewalk will be present on both the northbound and southbound sides of the roadway. The approach sidewalks will be upgraded to current standards to allow for improved pedestrian access and safety.

Existing substandard geometric features will be upgraded where possible while preserving existing cultural and environmental features as applicable. Furthermore, the proposed improvements eliminate the existing flat grade across the bridge and updates bridge safety features to meet current NJDOT standards.

The widened bridge will require right of way acquisition for properties within the widening boundaries. Additionally, driveways within the limits of the roadway work will be regraded to tie into the proposed work. Utility relocations will be necessary to accommodate the widened bridge and roadway. A full shutdown of the bridge to vehicular traffic will be utilized to construct the substructure. Detours for vehicular traffic will be implemented, while pedestrian and bicycle traffic across the bridge will be maintained. Staged construction maintaining two lanes of traffic will be utilized through the remaining construction of the superstructure.

Sidewalk inconsistency will be addressed to provide continuous pedestrian travel and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance will be achieved by upgrading curb ramp locations and crosswalk striping.

Additional goals of the project include implementing cost effective bridge replacement methods, minimizing impacts to environmentally sensitive areas and minimizing impacts to traffic and the local community during the construction phase. The proposed improvements are anticipated to provide for a safer and more efficient roadway.

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### **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/2017-01/CitizenGuide.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

### **ANTICIPATED CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE**

- Complete Preliminary Engineering: Spring 2022
- Start Final Design Phase: Fall 2022
- Anticipated Construction Start: Summer 2024

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