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Virtual Public Information Center

Route 45, Bridge over Woodbury Creek City of Woodbury, Gloucester County, NJ APRIL 24 through MAY 5, 2023

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 residents, officials, and businesses with information on the Route 45, Bridge over Woodbury Creek project. You are encouraged to actively participate by providing comments by mail or email.

The Presentation

The Public Information Center will be held virtually. Please visit the following website any time between April 24 through May **5, 2023**, to learn more about the project and leave comments: Event Details | Virtual PIC Template (tnordham01.wixsite.com).

You will have an opportunity to review a presentation, submit questions and provide feedback. 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 about this project, please contact us at the telephone number or email address listed below.

Background

This project involves the replacement of the bridge carrying Route 45 over Woodbury Creek in the City of Woodbury, Gloucester County, New Jersey. The Route 45 Woodbury Creek Bridge deck, superstructure and substructure are in poor condition and the bridge is scour critical.

The Project

The project proposes to replace the bridge. The proposed bridge will increase the load carrying capacity, improve sight distances, correct cross slopes on the road and sidewalks, and provide 8foot shoulders that will accommodate bicyclists on the bridge. The design also includes a provision for a pedestrian walkway under the bridge at the north abutment for the city to connect the park areas on the east and west sides of Route 45. A temporary pedestrian bridge will be provided during construction to accommodate foot traffic. The proposed bridge will include aesthetic and architectural features in accordance with the State Historic Preservation Office directive.

Section 4(f)

Woodbury High School Stadium Complex, Woodbury Park, and Block 84 Lot 6 are Section 4(f) resources located within the limits of the project. The project proposes minor impacts to these resources due to temporary and permanent easements. The Federal Highway Administration intends to make a de minimis impact finding under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 after affording the city and the public an opportunity to review and comment on the effects of the project on the resources. Additional information will be available on the website.

Historical 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. Information about the process is available at https://www.achp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/20 17-01/CitizenGuide.pdf.

The NJDOT is required to solicit public input to assist it to carry 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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Anticipated Schedule

Start Final Design: Fall of 2023 Start Construction: Fall of 2025

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