



Virtual Public Information Center

Date: January 22 - February 2, 2024

Route 1 Northbound Bridge over Raritan River

City of New Brunswick and Township of Edison, 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 is holding a **Virtual Public Information Center** to provide residents, public officials, and businesses with information on the **Route 1 Northbound Bridge over Raritan River** project. You are encouraged to actively participate by providing comments on-line or by mail or email.

THE MEETING

To reach as many people as possible, this Public Information Center will be held virtually. Please visit the following website anytime between January 22 and February 2, 2024 to learn more about the project and leave comments: www.Route1NorthboundBridge.com/

You will have an opportunity to review a presentation of the project, submit questions, and leave 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 numbers or email addresses listed below.

BACKGROUND

The Route 1 Northbound Bridge over the Raritan River, also known as the Morris Goodkind Bridge, has been determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places as representative of the quality designs that Morris Goodkind (1869-1968) produced throughout his career as the NJDOT State Bridge Engineer. It is one of approximately ten open-spandrel arch bridges in New Jersey, a bridge type considered to define the highest level of refinement in reinforced concrete arch technology. The purpose of the Route 1 Northbound over the Raritan River project (US 1

Milepost 27.45 to Milepost 28.43) is to address the structural deficiencies, decrease further deterioration and extend the future service life expectancy for the structure constructed in 1929. Additionally, it is desired that the project address congestion issues by adding an additional auxiliary lane and provide operational and safety improvements.

THE PROJECT

The proposed structure will be widened to four lanes via cantilever when the superstructure is replaced which will include a 3-foot left shoulder, four 12-foot lanes, an 8-foot right shoulder and will maintain the existing 6-foot 11-inch sidewalk along the eastern side. The Route 18 acceleration lane, which currently terminates south of the Route 1 Northbound Bridge, will continue across the structure. A noise barrier will be constructed in front of the Raritan Crossings apartment complex. North of the bridge the existing substandard side street acceleration and deceleration lanes will be revised to a continuous auxiliary lane to the Woodbridge Avenue exit and eliminate the weave conditions of the side street with the auxiliary lane. The Route 1 Northbound side street intersections of Fox Road, Leo Street, and Edmund Street will be revised to a stop control.

The proposed rehabilitation of the bridge involves the replacement of the superstructure, concrete spall and crack repair, and preservation of the structural integrity of bridge. The existing plaques, balustrade and other architectural details will be reconstructed in the historic character of the original bridge in accordance with guidelines included in the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties (36 CFR 68). Pavement reconstruction/resurfacing, drainage, signing, striping and lighting improvements will be made throughout the project limits.



ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

Raritan River Conservation Area is a Section 4(f) publicly owned open space that is Green Acres encumbered. The temporary impacts during construction to the Conservation Area will require coordination with FHWA and NJDEP Green Acres Program.

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:
www.achp.gov/citizens-guide-section-106-review

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 Virtual Public Information Center or comments may be submitted to:

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- Start Final Design: Winter 2024
- Start Construction: Fall 2025
- Complete Construction: Fall 2028

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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PROJECT SCHEDULE