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Virtual Public Information Center

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Route 202/206 and Route 22 Interchange, Peters Brook to Commons Way

Bridgewater Township, Somerset 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 202/206 and Route 22 Interchange, Peters Brook to Commons Way Project. You are encouraged to actively participate by providing comments by mail or e-mail.

THE MEETING

This PIC will be held virtually. Please visit the following website any time between February 12 and 26, 2024 to learn more about the project and leave comments. Comments will be accepted through February 26, 2024.

https://gpi1966.wixsite.com/22-202206interchange

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 improve safety and reduce delays at the interchange of Route 22 and Route 202/206 in Bridgewater Township, Somerset County.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Route 22 in the vicinity of the 202/206 interchange is an east-west four-lane divided urban principal arterial. Routes 202 and 206 run coincident in the vicinity of the Route 22 interchange south to north and is a four-lane divided urban principal arterial. Both roadways are on the National Highway System (NHS). The interchange of Route 22 and Route 202/206 is a partial cloverleaf with a missing movement for Route 22 eastbound to Route 202/206 southbound and an indirect connection from Route 22 eastbound to Route 202/206 northbound.

The interchange features short weaving sections between entrance and exit ramps and heavy traffic volumes which exacerbate conflicts between merging and diverging traffic and contribute to congestion and crashes.

THE PROPOSED PROJECT

The Preliminary Preferred Alternative (PPA) proposes a collector-distributor (C-D) roadway along Route 22 westbound through the interchange, extending a third lane along Route 22 eastbound and Route 202/206 within the project limits, enhanced pedestrian crossings, and safety improvements. In addition, substandard radii on two ramps are revised to meet current standards. The PPA also includes sidewalk improvements and enhanced pedestrian crossings on Mountain Avenue near the interchange.

The PPA proposes to widen Structure No. 1808-171 (Route 202/206 northbound over Route 22) and replace Structure Nos. 1808-151 (Route 202/206 southbound over Route 22) and 1801-162 (Route 22 over Route 202/206 northbound ramp M). The Route 22 profile will be raised over Ramp M by approximately 4 feet to increase vertical clearance and improve sight distance. Changes are also required to the sign structures within the project limits. The PPA will exceed ¼ acre net new imperious and 1 acre of disturbance and therefore will require stormwater management. Possible basin locations were identified; however, more information will be needed in Preliminary Engineering to finalize the locations and sizes.

ANTICIPATED PROJECT SCHEDULE

Concept Development Phase complete: Winter 2024

Design Phase begins: Spring 2025

• Construction begins: Summer 2028

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