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# **Virtual Public Information Center**

Date: December 2 – December 12, 2024 Baldwin Avenue Bridge over Passaic & Harimus Branch Jersey City, Hudson County, NJ

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, public officials, and the business community with information on the **Baldwin Avenue Bridge over Passaic & Harimus Branch** project. You are encouraged to actively participate by providing comments by mail or e-mail.

### THE MEETING

Please visit the following website any time between <u>December</u>  $2^{nd}$  and December 12<sup>th</sup> to learn more about the project and leave comments:

www.baldwinavenueJC.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 purpose of the project is to replace the existing bridge to improve the condition of the structure. The bridge is located at mile point 0.82 on Baldwin Avenue in Jersey City. It is a three-span structure with two riveted steel through girder-floor beam spans with a reinforced concrete deck, and one reinforced concrete T-beam span. The bridge underwent repairs in 1990 and most recently, emergency work was performed after the bridge was struck by a train on June 27, 2024.

# THE PROPOSED PROJECT

The Preliminary Preferred Alternative (PPA) for the project includes the following:

- The bridge, which is in poor condition, will be replaced with a two span structure removing the pier between the PATH siding tracks and mainline PATH tracks
- The new bridge will accommodate two 12-foot through lanes (one northbound and one southbound), 4-foot outer shoulders, 2-foot painted buffers, and an 8-foot, shared use path in both directions.
- A proposed bridge pier will be located behind the existing bin abutment at Pier 2 and be designed for AREMA

(American Railway Engineering and Maintenance Right-of-Way Association) requirements.

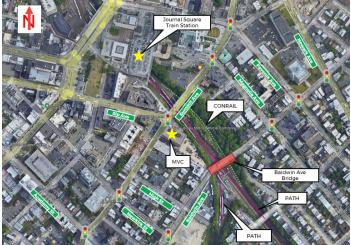
• Aerial public utilities and water main will be relocated.

# TRAFFIC CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS

The Baldwin Avenue bridge replacement will be performed with Accelerated Bridge Construction (ABC) techniques during a full closure. The northbound traffic detour will be Academy Street to Summit Avenue to Magnolia Avenue (0.6 Miles); the southbound traffic detour will be Pavonia Avenue to Summit Avenue to Academy Street (0.7 Miles); and the pedestrian detour will be High Street to Summit Avenue to Magnolia Avenue (0.5 Miles). The expected construction duration will be approximately 12-18 months.

### **PROJECT SCHEDULE**

Complete Concept Development: Spring 2025 Preliminary Engineering: TBD Final Design: TBD Construction: TBD



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