

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**Central Avenue-Island Road Bridge over Route 17 Deck
Replacement & Guide Rail Reconstruction Project
Mahwah Township, Bergen County**

**Pre-construction Public Information Center
Wednesday, April 10, 2013, 6 – 8 PM**

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), committed to developing transportation improvements that best balance transportation needs, the environment, community concerns and cost, will hold a Pre-construction Public Information Center to inform local residents, officials and the business community about the **deck replacement and guide rail reconstruction project of the Central Avenue-Island Road Bridge over Route 17 in the Township of Mahwah, Bergen County**. You are encouraged to actively participate by providing comments at the meeting, by mail, or e-mail.

The Meeting

The Public Information Center will be held in the Council Chambers of the **Mahwah Township Municipal Center, 475 Corporate Dr, Mahwah Township, New Jersey**, on **Wednesday, April 10, 2013 from 6 – 8 pm**. Please come at a time that is convenient for you. You will have an opportunity to review exhibits of the proposed project, ask questions and discuss any concerns with NJDOT staff members. If you are unable to attend, but are interested in learning about this project, please contact us at the e-mail or phone number listed below.

Project Background

The existing bridge at Central Avenue-Island Road (also called County Road 85) over Route 17 was originally constructed in 1956. The bridge is part of the interchange that provides access to Macarthur Blvd., N. Central Avenue and Island Road from Route 17. Due to the serious condition of the deck, the structure is considered to be structurally deficient. In order to remove the bridge from the deficient category, deck replacement is recommended.

It is also considered Functionally Obsolete due to the substandard vertical under clearance. Additionally, the existing guide rail system does not meet the current NJDOT standards. The final design will include new guide rail attachments to the bridge.

The Project

- The bridge deck will be replaced within the limits of the existing deck. No widening or expansion will be performed.
- Minimal approach roadway work along Central Avenue-Island Road will include asphalt paving, curb reconstruction and guide rail upgrades. Guide rail upgrades are also proposed along existing Route 17 ramps.
- No impacts to right-of-way, access, or environmental resources are anticipated, and no other construction is proposed for other local roadways in the vicinity of the bridge.

Traffic Control

It is anticipated that this project will be constructed in two main stages. Car traffic will be maintained on the bridge during construction but truck traffic will be detoured. The westbound truck traffic will be detoured to Route 17 northbound to W. Ramapo Avenue interchange for a U-Turn onto Route 17 southbound back to Island Road interchange. The eastbound truck traffic will be detoured to Route 17 southbound to N. Franklin Turnpike interchange for a U-Turn onto Route 17 northbound back to Island Road. Signed detours will remain in place for the duration of construction. Night-time lane closures on Route 17 are anticipated during construction.

Estimated Construction Schedule

Begin: May 2013
Anticipated Completion May 2014

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