

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

U.S. Route 130 Over Raccoon Creek From north of Barker Avenue to vicinity of High Hill Road Logan Township, Gloucester County

**Public Information Center
Thursday, November 6, 2014, from 5 to 8 pm**

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 **Public Information Center** to inform local residents, officials and the business community about the **improvement of Route 130 in Logan Township, Gloucester County**. You are encouraged to actively participate by providing comments at the meeting, by mail, or by e-mail.

The Meeting: The Public Information Center will be held at the **Logan Township Municipal Building, 125 Main Street, Bridgeport, New Jersey on Thursday, November 6, 2014, from 5 to 8 pm**. Please come at a time that is convenient for you.

The Proposed Project: The purpose of this project is to replace the Raccoon Creek Movable Bridge to enhance the safety on the Route 130 corridor. The proposed replacement will be a fixed span bridge with a 25-foot vertical clearance from the bottom of the structure to the mean high water of the creek. The structure will extend beyond Main Street/Island Road creating an overpass. In order to construct the bridge without a major detour for the duration of the project, the proposed bridge will be constructed on a new alignment offset to the west so the existing bridge can be used to maintain traffic during the initial stage. Traffic will be maintained along the completed portion of the structure. Subsequent to the completion of the western portion, the existing movable bridge will be demolished and the remaining portion of the fixed span bridge will be completed.

Route 130 will be widened to provide two 12-foot lanes, 8-foot outside and 3-foot inside shoulders in both directions separated by a concrete barrier median. The roadway profile will be raised to alleviate flooding in the area. Storm drainage for the roadway will be improved and existing guide rail will be upgraded to meet current standards. Retaining walls will be constructed adjacent to Route 130 to minimize environmental impacts and right-of-way acquisitions. The retaining walls and bridge parapets will have an aesthetically pleasing finish.

Main Street and Island Road will be linked together under the new bridge. Access to Route 130 from both roads will be eliminated. The intersection at Barker Avenue will provide access to Route 130. An acceleration lane to Route 130 will be provided at Barker Avenue. Public access via Sheets Avenue will be eliminated, however, a gated access road will provide access for emergency vehicles to Route 130 northbound from the vicinity of Sheets Avenue. The gated emergency access road will be paved with turf blocks instead of asphalt. Sheets Avenue will be extended to the south to form a T-intersection with Island Road/Main Street.

Coordination with the Gloucester County Improvement Authority also resulted in the request for NJDOT to provide an additional ingress/egress access point for the existing Dream Park equestrian facility as well as a traffic signal at High Hill Road. The access will be constructed as part of the bridge replacement project and will be located between High Hill Road and the Route 130 Bridge at a point where there is existing right-of-way. It will be a precast concrete rigid frame

culvert to span the existing drainage ditch. However, the traffic signal will be constructed prior to commencement of the Route 130 project, as part of NJDOT's Signal Program.

In addition, a fishing pier and parking lot will be built for public access to Raccoon Creek via Main Street/Island Road. The existing bridge operator's house will be demolished and the property will be landscaped.

To accommodate utilities south of the bridge, a utility access road will be built along the northbound roadway within the limits of the proposed retaining wall. A steel sheet pile wall will be driven along part of the access road to reduce impacts to adjacent environmentally sensitive areas. The access road, which will be gated, will be used to accommodate the relocated sewer force main and aerial electric facilities and for future access to the utilities. The gas main along the Route 130 southbound curb line will be relocated parallel and to the west of the new roadway alignment and under Raccoon Creek. All aerial utilities along Island Road will be relocated underground in the vicinity of the bridge.

Environmental: All necessary State and Federal environmental permits will be obtained prior to construction. Storm water management devices will be constructed to comply with NJDEP regulations.

Cultural Resources: Investigations for cultural resources within the project's Area of Potential Effect (APE) were conducted. No significant archeological and subsurface resources were located within the APE. However, the Route 130 Bridge over Raccoon Creek and the Conrail Railroad Swing Bridge were found to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Since removing the individually eligible Raccoon Creek Bridge results in an Adverse Effect, a Memorandum of Agreement between the FHWA, NJDOT and the NJ State Historic Preservation Officer was developed on June 8, 2012, which includes stipulations to mitigate the Adverse Effect.

Project Schedule:

Estimated Start of Construction: Spring 2016
Estimated Completion: Spring 2018.

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