



# PUBLIC NOTICE

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## Public Notice 1-074

**Subject: AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE TREMLEY POINT CONNECTOR ROAD BETWEEN CARTERET AND LINDEN, NEW JERSEY.**

The United States Coast Guard (USCG), as the lead federal agency for the subject project announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the construction of the Tremley Point Connector Road between Carteret and Linden, New Jersey. The USCG solicits comments as part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. A preliminary bridge permit application has been received from the New Jersey Turnpike Authority (NJTA) for approval of the location and plans for a new bridge across the Rahway River downstream of the existing New Jersey Turnpike Bridge at mile 2.0.

**PROJECT BACKGROUND:** The NJTA is proposing to construct a new highway bridge across the Rahway River as part of their planned Tremley Point Connector Road project (TPCR). The TPCR consists of construction of a new, four-lane, pile supported roadway/bridge between Industrial Highway in Carteret, and Tremley Point Road in Linden, New Jersey crossing the Rahway River on a new fixed bridge structure. This EA was prepared in accordance with NEPA guidelines provided by the Council on Environmental Quality. This EA also serves as compliance with New Jersey Executive Order 215 which requires submission of appropriate environmental documentation to New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for major construction projects in the State of New Jersey.

The EA includes a description of the proposed TPCR, the purpose and need for the project, a description of the existing environmental conditions, evaluation of potential impacts resulting from the project, alternatives considered and measures to mitigate adverse environmental impacts. The specific highway and bridge alignment will be determined by the result of this EA process; however, regardless of the alignment chosen, the bridge design will provide navigational clearances commensurate with existing and prospective navigational needs.

Based upon the Draft EA the Coast Guard has tentatively determined that the proposed action will not have a significant impact on the environment for the purposes of NEPA. Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be prepared as the final environmental document for the proposed action pending comments received from this EA review process.

**SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS:** Interested parties are requested to express their views in writing on the Draft EA and the proposed TPCR project, giving sufficient detail to establish a clear understanding of their reasons for support of or opposition to the proposed work. Comments will be received at the office of: Commander (dpb), First Coast Guard District, Battery Park Bldg, One South Street, New York, NY 10004-1466 through January 31, 2009.

A copy of the Draft EA is available electronically at the NJTA website at [www.state.nj.us.turnpike/index.htm](http://www.state.nj.us.turnpike/index.htm). A print copy of the Draft EA may be viewed at the following locations:

United States Coast Guard  
Bridge Administration  
One South Street 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10004  
Att: Ms Michelle Forde  
Hours: M-F 8 am-4 pm

New Jersey Turnpike Authority  
581 Main Street  
Woodbridge, NJ 07095  
Att: Mr. John Ferrandino  
Hours: M-F 9 am-5pm  
(call 732 750-5300 ext 8220)

Carteret Free Public Library  
100 Cooke Avenue  
Carteret NJ 07008  
Att: Mr. Samuel Latini  
Hours: M-F 9 am-5 pm

Linden Free Public Library  
31 East Henry Street  
Linden, NJ 07036  
Att: Mr. Dennis Purves  
Hours: M-F 9am-5pm

It is requested that this information be brought to the attention of any person having an interest in this who may not have received a copy of this public notice.

FOR THE DISTRICT COMMANDER



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By direction of the District Commander