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# **Virtual Public Information Center**

Date: March 7 to March 31, 2021 Route 9 North, Ramp to Garden State Parkway North Sayreville Borough, Middlesex County, NJ

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), committed to developing transportation improvements that best balance transportation needs, the environment, community concerns, and cost, is holding a **Virtual Public Information Center (PIC)** to provide local residents, public officials, and the business community with information on the **Route 9 North, Ramp to Garden State Parkway North** project. You are encouraged to actively participate by providing comments by mail or email.

## **Website Presentation**

The Public Information Center will be held virtually. Please visit the following website any time between <u>March 7 to March 31, 2021</u> to learn more about the project and leave comments:

# http://creative-mt.com/Rt9NorthtoGSPNorth/

# Background

The purpose of the project is to improve traffic operations and safety for all roadway users on Route 9 northbound in the vicinity of the Garden State Parkway (GSP) Interchange.

The project was initiated due to heavy traffic volumes on Route 9 northbound that cause major backups at the ramp to the Garden State Parkway northbound. The existing bottleneck at the exit to GSP northbound also reduces capacity, impedes bus movements, and presents a safety concern for weaving vehicles at the interchange area. Currently, only the right lane of Route 9 northbound can access the Garden State Parkway northbound. However, more than 70% of traffic on Route 9 northbound is destined for the Garden State Parkway, resulting in significant traffic delays and queuing during the AM rush hour.

## **The Project**

The Preliminary Preferred Alternative for the project includes the following:

- The center lane of Route 9 northbound will be converted to a decision lane. Motorists can use the center lane to stay on Route 9 northbound or exit to the Garden State Parkway northbound.
- Route 9 northbound will be slightly widened approaching the Garden State Parkway northbound ramp to provide standard length deceleration lanes for the ramp.
- An overhead sign structure will be constructed on Route 9 northbound south of the interchange to provide lane use signing for the new ramp configuration.
- Advance signing for the new ramp configuration is proposed along Route 9 northbound.

#### **Estimated Schedule**

- Complete Concept Development: Summer 2021
- Preliminary Engineering: TBD
- Final Design: TBD
- Construction: TBD

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