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## Virtual Public Information Center

Date: June 26<sup>th</sup> – July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Route 3 Eastbound, Bridge over Hackensack River and Meadowlands Parkway East Rutherford Borough, Bergen County, NJ Township of Secaucus, 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 is holding a Virtual Public Information Center (PIC) to provide local residents, officials, and businesses with information on the Route 3 Eastbound, Bridge over Hackensack River and Meadowlands Parkway project. You are encouraged to actively participate by providing comments by mail or email.

## The Presentation

The Public Information Center will be held virtually. Please visit the following website any time between June 26<sup>th</sup> and July 10<sup>th</sup> to learn more about the project and leave comments: Comments will be received through July 10<sup>th</sup>.

<u>Event Details | Virtual PIC Template</u> (tnordham01.wixsite.com)

You will have an opportunity to review a presentation, submit questions, and leave feedback. Property owners with rental units are advised that tenants are also invited and encouraged to participate. If you are unable to view the presentation but are interested in learning about this project, please contact us at the telephone number or email address listed below.

## Background

The purpose of the project is to replace the existing bridge in order to address operational and structural deficiencies, prevent further deterioration, preserve structural integrity, extend useful service life, and improve safety and traffic delays, while preserving the existing river crossing as a vital link in the regional transportation network. The Route 3 Eastbound Bridge was built in 1934 and reconstructed in 1964. It has a curb-to-curb width of 53 feet, an out-to-out width of 59.9 feet, a maximum span length of 185 feet, and a total length of 1,557 feet consisting of 16 spans. The condition and configuration of the existing roadway and bridge no longer meet current design standards and need to be replaced. The Project

The existing bridge will be replaced with a new bridge constructed on a new northern alignment adjacent to the existing bridge. The as-built navigational clearances of the Hackensack River channel will be maintained at 50 feet vertical and 150 feet horizontal. Foundations within the river would be designed for potential accommodation of a future transit structure which is being evaluated under a separate project by NJ TRANSIT. The bridge curb-to-curb will be widened from 53 feet to 74 feet and incorporate a four-foot left shoulder, a 10-foot right shoulder, four 12foot eastbound through lanes, and a 12-foot auxiliary lane, which would extend from the New Jersey Turnpike onramp to the Meadowlands Parkway off-ramp, and. The auxiliary lane would improve traffic operations and reduce travel delays by providing additional space for Turnpike traffic to merge onto Route 3 eastbound and to exit onto the Meadowlands Parkway. Construction will be primarily completed off-line with little impacts to traffic during the majority of construction. The existing bridge will be demolished once the new bridge and approach roadways are completed. Traffic will be maintained to the residential neighborhoods and local businesses during construction.

## Estimated Schedule

Winter 2024 – Start Preliminary Engineering Summer 2027 – Complete Preliminary Engineering Summer 2027 – Start Final Design Winter 2030 – Complete Final Design Summer 2030 – Start Construction Winter 2032 – Construction Substantial Completion

For further information, please contact:

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