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Virtual Public Information Center

February 14, 2023 through February 21, 2023

Route 66, Jumping Brook Road to Bowne Road/Wayside Road

Neptune & Ocean Townships, Monmouth County

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), committed to developing transportation improvements which best balance transportation needs, community concerns, the environment and cost, will hold a **Virtual Public Information Center (PIC)** to inform local residents, public officials and businesses about the **Route 66, Jumping Brook Road to Bowne Road/ Wayside Road project.** You are encouraged to actively participate by providing comments by mail or e-mail.

The Meeting

The Public Information Center will be held virtually from February 14, 2023 through February 21, 2023, and can be accessed at the following internet location:

https://taylorwiseman.com/njdotvirtualpic/Route66JumpingBrookRoadtoBowneRoadWaysideRoad

You will have an opportunity to review a presentation, view project information and submit comments and questions. Property owners with rental units are advised that tenants are also invited and encouraged to participate.

Project Overview

The purpose of this project is to address pavement deficiencies, and improve traffic operations and safety along the project corridor. Route 66, from Jumping Brook Road to Wayside Road, currently consists of a 2-lane roadway with turn lanes. West of Jumping Brook Road and east of Wayside Road, the roadway consists of a 4-lane section, which creates a traffic congestion bottleneck in the corridor.

There were several alternatives considered during the Conceptual Development phase of the project. The Preliminary Preferred Alternative (PPA) selected consists of a 4-lane widened section with a grass/paved median providing limited left-turn movements. The PPA addresses all the deficiencies in the corridor including pavement, intersection, traffic operations, safety, and compliance with the American Disabilities Act (ADA).

Roadway Improvements & Roundabout

Roadway improvements include widening Route 66 from a 2-lane section to a 4-lane section with a grass/paved median separation. Additional turning lanes will be added at intersections to improve traffic flow. Left turn slots will be provided within the median for major driveways. The existing concrete pavement will be replaced with flexible asphalt pavement. A 2-lane roundabout is proposed to replace the Route 66/Asbury Avenue/Bowne Road/Wayside Road intersection to improve safety and traffic operations.

Right-of-Way Impacts

The existing right-of-way of 140 feet and the proposed roadway layout will allow the widened section (primarily to the north) to be constructed with minimal impact to the existing traffic flow. There will be proposed right-of-way acquisitions required to accommodate the roundabout, some side street widening, driveway reconstruction and a detention/retention basin as required for stormwater management.

Traffic Signal Improvements

For the Jumping Brook Road and Green Grove Road signalized intersections, upgrades include new traffic signal standards, mast arms, signal heads, radar detection, pedestrian countdown signal heads and pushbuttons. For all intersections, ADA improvements include upgraded crosswalks and ADA compliant curb ramps. Sidewalks will be added throughout the corridor.

Construction Staging

Construction will consist of two primary stages and one minor stage. Stage 1 will maintain traffic on the existing roadway while the future westbound roadway, median and border are constructed. Stage 2 will shift 2-way traffic to the newly constructed westbound lanes to reconstruct the existing roadway into the future eastbound section. Stage 3 will include median and left turn lane construction. The roundabout is offset from the existing Route 66 roadway such that it can mostly be constructed without traffic impacts.

Environmental

The project design will comply with the requirements of a NJDEP Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act, NJDEP Flood Hazard Area Control Act, NJDEP Stormwater Management Rules, and NJDOT Soil Erosion & Sediment Control Standards. The proposed project will result in 0.27 acres of wetlands impacts, 1.36 acres of wetlands transition area impacts, 0.39 acres of riparian zone vegetative disturbance and impacts to the Betty Brook floodplain and floodway. NJ and Federally listed threatened and endangered species or habitat exist within the project area.

The proposed land disturbance and impervious surface increase qualifies this project as a "Major Development" and it is therefore subject to the NJDEP Stormwater Management Rules. A total of 3 bioretention basins and 2 manufactured treatment devices are proposed in order to meet the NJDEP water quantity, quality, and groundwater recharge requirements.

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Proposed Reforestation Plan

The NJDOT is required by the New Jersey No Net Loss Reforestation Act to hold a public forum when one or more acres of deforestation occurs in an area owned or maintained by a state entity to present to the public the deforestation and reforestation plans for that project. Construction of this project will deforest approximately 6.44 total acres of trees according to the methodology outlined in the No Net Loss (NNL) Program Guidelines. The law states that if tree planting adjacent to the deforested area is not possible, the Department will provide monetary compensation in the amount equal to the value of the number of trees required to the "Shade Tree and Community Forest Preservation License Plate Fund." The affected municipalities will be advised by Community Forestry of the amount of monies available for tree planting within their communities via a grant process. Plans showing the deforestation and species anticipated to be planted for the project will be presented and opportunity for public comment on the plans will be provided.

Estimated Schedule

Final Design: Anticipated Completion: Spring 2024
Construction: Fall 2024 – Fall 2026 (Contingent on Construction Programming)

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