

Garden State Parkway

Phase 3 Widening MP 38 to 48

Public Hearing Record



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1. Introduction

On Thursday, December 5, 2013, a Public Hearing (Hearing) was held by the New Jersey Turnpike Authority (NJTA) for the Garden State Parkway (GSP) Phase 3 Widening from milepost 38 to milepost 48 project located in Egg Harbor Township, Galloway Township, City of Port Republic, Atlantic County. The Hearing was held pursuant to both the New Jersey Executive Order 172 (EO 172) and the No Net Loss Reforestation Act (N.J.S.A. 13:1L-14.1 et. seq.). The Hearing was held at the Egg Harbor Township Community Center, 5045 English Creek Avenue, Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey 08234.

2. Public Hearing Summary

Project team members in attendance included representatives from the NJTA and the consultant team. Seventeen (17) members of the general public attended and signed the registration sheets (included in Appendix F). The Hearing included displays of the project showing proposed improvements from milepost 38 to milepost 48. Handouts summarizing the project were available at the registration table. Project team members were available to answer questions and discuss comments and concerns of the attendees during the Hearing. Generally, attendees were supportive of the GSP Widening improvements. Comments, questions and concerns included the following:



- Future improvements to Clarks Landing Road, access and construction during night work hours.
- Noise impacts
- Loss of trees and compensation

Attendees were given the opportunity to fill out comment sheets and to register for oral testimony during the Hearing. The Hearing portion of the meeting consisted of a presentation by the NJTA and their consultants, followed by oral testimony from the public. One member of the public presented oral testimony at the Hearing. Written comments received during the meeting and the subsequent comment period as well as oral testimony comments, are included in Appendix I.

3. Project Need

The GSP has experienced capacity issues within this section of the roadway since the 1990s. The former New Jersey Highway Authority collected traffic data and studied the needs of this section of the GSP. Traffic data determined that the existing two lane road was experiencing failures. An environmental assessment was conducted and provided for a solution to meet the



environmental and roadway needs.

4. Project Description

The proposed project will widen the northbound (NB) and southbound (SB) GSP mainline from two lanes with nominal shoulders to three lanes with full shoulders in both directions. The majority of the GSP Widening will be in the inside median. The proposed highway typical section will provide a 10' left shoulder, three 12' thru travel lanes and a 12' right shoulder. Other improvements include new overhead guide signs, ramp lighting, guide rail, utility relocations, and retention swales. Except for an easement over the Penn-Reading Seashore Line at milepost 39.9, the proposed GSP Widening will be accommodated within the existing GSP right-of-way. Construction along the mainline will be accomplished in multiple stages. Two lanes of travel, in each direction, will be maintained on the GSP during peak travel times. Permits have been obtained from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), United States Coast Guard (USCG), and New Jersey Pinelands Commission (NJPC) for these improvements. Mitigation for all of the impacts associated with the milepost 38 to milepost 48 improvements were completed as part of the GSP Widening program.

Construction Contract No. P200.254

Milepost 38.0 to 41.0

The work to be performed under Contract No. P200.254 consists of the widening of the GSP mainline to add a third travel lane in each direction from Milepost 38.0 to 41.0, including the construction of 1 new bridge, the removal of 1 existing bridge, the rehabilitation of 5 bridges, and the extension of existing culverts. The project also includes 9 new overhead guide sign structures, drainage improvements, recharge swales, signing and striping, lighting and other miscellaneous work.

Construction Contract No. P200.255

Milepost 42.3 to 48.0

The work to be performed under Contract No. P200.255 consists of the widening of the GSP mainline to add a third travel lane in each direction from Milepost 42.3 to 48.0, including the widening and redecking of 2 bridges, and the construction of 2 headwalls. The project also includes 10 new overhead guide sign structures, drainage improvements, recharge swales, signing and striping, lighting and other miscellaneous work.

5. Notice of Public Hearing

5.1 Written Notice

Invitation letters to local, county, and state public officials who were sent written notice of the Hearing (Appendix A) and a copy of the Hearing Handout (Appendix E) can be found in Appendix B.

5.2 Legal Notice

Public notice for the Public Hearing was published in *The Press of Atlantic City* on November 13, 2013 and *The Current* on November 14, 2013. Copies of the legal notices are included in Appendix D.



6. Public Hearing

The Hearing was held from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm on Thursday, December 5, 2013, at Egg Harbor Township Community Center, 5045 English Creek Avenue, Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey 08234.

Total attendance was twenty-six (26) people (including NJTA representatives). The Hearing began at 6:00 pm with a formal presentation, after which the public was given the opportunity to provide comments. The Hearing was closed at 7:00 pm. The presentation and public comments were recorded by a Certified Court Reporter. A copy of the Hearing transcript is included in Appendix G.

7. Written Comments

Written comments were accepted by the NJTA until February 3, 2014. Copies of the original Hearing comments are included in Appendix I. The written and NJTA responses are provided below.

Written Comment #1:

Robert J. Mastandrea
Letter received December 11, 2013

"Please keep us posted on progress as you head south. We have a parcel in the proximity of exit 36 and shared interest in some improvements with Egg Harbor Township, thanks."

New Jersey Turnpike Authority Response:

Noted.

Written Comment #2:

Alexander Miller
1301 Oakmont Dr.
Toms River, NJ 08753
Letter received January 31, 2014

"I am writing to voice my concern with the Garden State Parkway widening project that has undergone two phases, with a third set to begin in the coming year of 2014. The project not only incurs a huge expense to the New Jersey taxpayers, it is also injurious to the state's already poor water quality, and it is likely to encourage the further development of a severely overdeveloped area. The relatively insubstantial need for the project does not justify the total cost that would be occurred; both financially and to public health and wellbeing. If your department is not convinced that the damages far outweigh the benefit of this project, then I must entreat you to consider moving forward in a manner which limits damage to the environment and improves the Parkway in ways beyond the alleviation of traffic.

This project will directly eliminate large expanses of vegetation and replace them with impervious surfaces. This will result in an increase in the base surface discharge of stormwater



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along the entire length of the construction project. I understand that stormwater management facilities are to be constructed in an attempt to curb this increase. However, I have observed the management practices that have been employed in conjunction with the shoulder installation occurring further north on the Parkway. If these are the current standard practices of your agency, then the proposed undertaking will similarly result in the removal of vegetated areas to construct sandy retention basins. Such basins, which are apparently only vegetated by hydroseeding, are not equipped to eliminate heavy metals and other contaminants associated with road run-off before the water percolates into the underlying groundwater or nearby water bodies. Vegetated systems are much more effective in this regard, and naturally vegetated lowlands typically have a much higher permeability than manmade stormwater management structures. The widening of the Parkway also serves to increase the ease of access to the coast, which will potentially serve to encourage further development in this area.

In order to justify the completion of such a project, a study should be completed demonstrating that significant traffic delays are caused on a frequent and regular basis, and that these delays are the result of a lack of sufficient driving lanes and not the result of accidents and construction activity. Such a study does not appear to have been conducted and made available to the public. Therefore, I must regrettably base my understanding of the level of need for this project on anecdotal evidence and common knowledge amongst residence of the New Jersey's coastal region. Before I justify myself, however, I would like to say that the completion of an expensive and injurious undertaking such as this without a formal study supporting its need is not justifiable. If such studies have been completed, I encourage your department to release this information to the public in a form of media more relevant and wide-reaching than a newspaper, and more easily accessible than an inconveniently timed meeting.

In my experience, and in the experience of those residents that I have spoken to, traffic along the Parkway becomes progressively lighter the farther you travel from New York City. As far south as this project is occurring, traffic heavy enough to cause significant delays only has a tendency to occur when an accident or construction activities are encountered, or when traveling on certain holidays. Traffic volume- that which is heavy enough to cause general stress and aggravation without adding more than a few minutes to your trip- only typically occurs on Thursdays and weekends during summer months. The addition of a third lane will do nothing to reduce the frequency of accidents, and will only cause significant construction delays while in progress. Therefore, all that this project may serve to accomplish is the reduction of moderate stress for drivers for a few days out of the week, during a few months out of the year, with no significant reduction in driving time.

It is common knowledge that New Jersey's water quality ranks disappointingly high amongst the most contaminated watersheds in the nation. This is largely due to the high population density of the state and the rampant overdevelopment necessary to accommodate so many people in such a small area. However, it is in no small part the result of a culture of disregard for the quality and sustainability of the resources that support us which seems to be represented in this project. Hurricane Sandy clearly demonstrated the disastrous effects of trying to permanently develop what is naturally the most dynamic land mass type on the planet. It does not seem that the benefit of this project comes close to outweighing the cumulative cost to the finances, water quality, and shoreline of our state. I urge your department to reconsider this expansion.



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However, should your department find the voice of myself and those of a similar mindset not to be compelling, I would suggest that the project be altered to offset some of its detrimental effects. I see that your department already intends to mitigate the deforestation necessary for the completion of this project by replanting other deforested areas, and I applaud this legally mandated effort. However, the increase in non-point pollution of our water systems should be limited by constructing vegetated stormwater management systems such as bioretention basins to sequester the contaminants that will leach into our water unchecked otherwise. In addition, the construction of the Parkway has been a massive contributor to the fragmentation of New Jersey's ecosystems. The Parkway also presents a dangerous barrier for pedestrians and bicyclists that might hope to cross. My apartment in Toms River, for example, would be a five minute walk away from a grocery store, a home improvement store, a sizable wooded park, an ice skating rink, and plenty of other facilities. Unfortunately, the Parkway stands in my way, with no overpass and only one nearby underpass with no shoulder. However, construction activities provide an opportunity for retrofitting. To mitigate the social and environmental harm that the Parkway itself causes, this opportunity should at least be taken advantage of to construct pedestrian walkways and migratory causeways in practical locations.

The country is making positive strides in the realm of environmental stewardship, and it has been disappointing to watch New Jersey lag behind. Consistently adhering to nothing but the minimum measures required by law will not change that. I urge you to reconsider your existing plans and practices, and to consider with greater precedence the health and welfare of the local public.

Thank you for your time and consideration."

New Jersey Turnpike Authority Response:

This detailed comment expresses concerns regarding the need for the GSP Widening, its environmental impact and consideration of adjacent facilities as part of the improvements.

Project Need

The GSP has experienced capacity issues south of Interchange 80 since the 1990s. The former New Jersey Highway Authority studied the needs of this section and determined that the existing two lane roadway was experiencing failures. An environmental assessment was conducted, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) conducted hearings in 2007 to take comment on these improvements and in November 2008 all the necessary permits were obtained to implement the solution to the capacity issue which is to widen the GSP by adding one additional travel lane in each direction, with full width shoulders and roadside safety improvements in both the northbound and southbound directions. The entire GSP Widening program from concept to construction is funded by NJTA bond proceeds and toll revenue, not NJ State taxes.

The project's approved Environmental Impact Statement dated August 2006 (with revisions), permit applications, and approvals have been available for review and download on the NJTA's website <http://www.state.nj.us/turnpike/documents/GSP-MP30-MP80-Widening-Project-Final-EIS-3-13-2007.pdf> since 2007. These documents were also made available to the public at the clerk's office of each municipality that the project passes through for its entire 50 miles, a total



of fourteen, and the offices of the NJDEP in Trenton.

Environmental Impacts

With regards to stormwater related issues, the NJTA's contracts will incorporate approved stormwater management facilities designed in strict conformance with the requirements of the NJDEP, New Jersey Pinelands Commission and the presiding Soil Conservation District. Runoff from the additional pavement will be collected in a storm drainage system that will discharge into retention swales within the GSP right-of-way. The swales will retain the runoff from most storm events without directly discharging into watercourses leaving the GSP right-of-way. These retention swales will maintain runoff from the GSP at or below the pre-widening levels and in some cases improve water quality.

Adjacent Facilities

The purpose and need of the GSP Widening was to mitigate the operational issues the NJTA experienced on the GSP mainline south of Interchange 80. Where feasible, improvements to the local roadways crossing over or below were coordinated with the County and/or municipality. A significant amount of the bridges over the GSP required complete replacement. In many of those cases, the bridge carrying the roadway over was improved to meet current roadway cross section and geometric requirements, in turn resulting in standard width shoulders, sidewalks and roadway lane widths.

8. Public Hearing Comments

Public Comment #1:

Craig Rummler
City of Port Republic Councilman
City of Port Republic

"I'm currently the City Councilman President for the Board of the City of Port Republic.

I would ask that the Transit Authority, Transportation Authority, include Port Republic in their original -- or any time there's any changes. What happened was, we got a notice from the County of Atlantic that Clarks Landing Road was going to be totally closed during the original operation or the original planning.

Had anybody bothered to contact the City of Port Republic, we would have been able to head that off. But as it was, it took a couple weeks, and finally agreed to remain Clarks Landing Road -- at least remain open during the project. By closing it, you would completely shut off half the town.

Anybody that lives west of the Parkway would have -- if they had had a fire or anything, emergency services would have taken an extra 20 minutes to get to those residences. So that was the critical point to keep Clarks Landing Road open. We thank you for amending that. We would ask that in the future, if there's any changes, that rather than go through the County because it is a county road that you would also include Port Republic in any decision-making factors.

You mentioned about having to close the road during -- when they set the steel. We understand



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that. My concern there is if anybody goes to the area, we have two homes that are from me to the less than the back of the room away from the Parkway. And any kind of working at night is going to -- you know, people have to leave their homes because it's so close. So we would ask that any night work or off-hours work, you know, if we could get advance notification on when that will happen to let these people know, and it will be limited to, as much as -- you know, as least as possible."

New Jersey Turnpike Authority Response:

During the preparation of the GSP Widening over Clark's Landing Road Bridge, the assumption was to keep Clarks Landing Road (CR 624) open during the GSP bridge construction. However, the NJTA, as a potential option, investigated the use of a road closure and detour around the construction site. This approach would significantly reduce the time of construction and result in cost savings for the bridge improvements.

Before the detour approach was considered as part of the plan, and since this is a County road, the NJTA contacted Atlantic County first to discuss the possibility of a road closure with detour alternative. The County informed the NJTA that they would work directly with the City of Port Republic to obtain input and provide that information to the NJTA. At the County's direction, the NJTA submitted detour plans to the County for review and comment. The City responded to the County with their concerns and indicated that they could not support a detour. Based on the review by the County and comments provided by the City, the NJTA maintained plans to keep Clarks Landing Road open during construction of the GSP Widening. However, in order to construct certain elements of the bridges, temporary traffic slow-downs on Clarks Landing Road will be necessary. This activity will be coordinated with the County and the City to stipulate the allowable times.

Public Comment #2:

Craig Rummler
City of Port Republic Councilman
City of Port Republic

"One other thing I have to say, we -- when this project first started with the widening, we had asked the Garden State Parkway or the Turnpike Authority to consider some sort of noise abatement along some areas of the Parkway. This being because many of the homes on -- it would be the east side of the Parkway in the south -- northbound lane are very, very close to the Garden State Parkway.

A couple years ago Atlantic Electric decided to run high-tension wires down the Parkway. And although it was on the west side of the Parkway, a lot of us do live on the west side of the Parkway, it took away a lot of the forestation. I personally live on the west side of the Parkway, and my property -- I have 13 acres, and my property abuts the Parkway. And before the electric company come in, I couldn't see the Parkway. But now I have clear view of the Parkway, and I have clear noise of the Parkway. By adding the third lane, it's going to increase it that much more.



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Now the people on the other side of the Parkway, they virtually walk out their back door and almost right on the Parkway. So we contacted the Turnpike Authority for references. They said they did all their fancy surveys, took all their noise sounds [sic] and said it wasn't strong enough. But I would ask anybody that doesn't think that it is to come -- please come to this town -- come to Port Republic. Sit in our residents' living room and hear the noise. I mean, it's wintertime. Traffic is less. But I can hear it. And I have 13 acres, and I'm several hundred feet off the Parkway. But it's a constant drone of noise, especially on the weekends, especially on holidays. It's a constant. And you have those rumble strips. And that's all you hear, BBBBRRRRRR, all the time.

The people on the other side of the Parkway, they live a lot closer than I do, and it's hard. It's terrible. A lot of people can't sleep at night in the summertime with the bus traffic and heavy-duty traffic. So I would ask that somebody, please, come down. Sit with our neighbors. Sit with our residents and see what they go through. We need some sort a noise abatement. The Mayor had asked, also, about some sort of trees, and we were shot down. But this widening of the third lane in the center, you're taking out more forestation.

You have to. It's known. And that's what makes -- cuts some of the noise down. But not now only the people get northbound traffic, but because there's a third lane, they're going to get hit from both sides.

So we would ask that you really consider reforestation, consider noise. It's not that long of a stretch. It's a short. It's a couple miles, which I know is expensive. But it is a couple miles. And it is -- it affects probably a dozen to two dozen families that own property along the Parkway.

Thank you for holding this here. We appreciate it."

New Jersey Turnpike Authority Response:

There are two issues referred to in this comment, namely, noise abatement and reforestation.

Noise Abatement

The NJTA has adopted a Policy for Construction of Noise Barriers in Residential Areas (the "Policy"). A copy of this Policy may be found on the NJTA's web site at <http://www.state.nj.us/turnpike>.

The NJTA conducted a noise study as part of the environmental assessment of the proposed GSP Widening. Based on the Noise Study findings of pre and post construction noise levels, and pursuant to the NJTA's Policy, noise barriers are not justified in the area through the City of Port Republic. Additionally, the portion of the GSP Widening within the City of Port Republic will take place completely within the median of the GSP, farther away from the receptors.

The NJTA has recently implemented pavement resurfacing projects utilizing 'quiet' pavement. The NJTA will include, as part of the GSP Widening, 'quiet' pavement on the northbound side of the Parkway between the Clark's Landing Road crossing (milepost 45.9) and milepost 47.5. 'Quiet' pavement may reduce tire noise.

Reforestation

There are no suitable locations to replant within the project area, therefore, in accordance with the State's No Net Loss Reforestation Act, the NJTA Reforestation Plan submitted to the NJDEP New



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Jersey Forestry Services includes monetary compensation to mitigate the loss of the cleared trees as a result of the GSP Widening.

This monetary contribution will be administered by the NJDEP New Jersey State Forestry Services, in consultation with the New Jersey Community Forestry Council and subject to the approval of the Director of the NJDEP New Jersey State Forestry Services, for off-site compensatory restoration as No Net Loss Off-site Restoration Grants.

However, upon the completion of the GSP Widening construction, the NJTA will evaluate the roadside areas for potential planting locations.

APPENDIX A

Notice of Public Hearing

**NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
GARDEN STATE PARKWAY WIDENING PROJECT
Milepost 38 to 48**

**Egg Harbor Township, Galloway Township,
City of Port Republic; ATLANTIC COUNTY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the New Jersey Turnpike Authority (the "Authority") will hold a Public Hearing in compliance with Executive Order 172 for the purpose of taking public comments on the proposed project, which includes the widening of the Garden State Parkway from Milepost 38 to Milepost 48 (the "Project"). The Project includes the addition of a third lane of travel in both directions and full shoulders from Milepost 38 to Milepost 48. This project is intended to enhance safety, relieve traffic congestion and increase capacity to meet traffic demand on this major north-to-south route, and will include reconstructing the stormwater drainage system, widening and replacing bridges and culverts. This project is part of the Garden State Parkway Widening between mileposts 35 and 80 program.

In accordance with the New Jersey No Net Loss Reforestation Act, N.J.S.A. 13:1L-14.2 et seq., the Authority will also present information concerning the proposed reforestation effort associated with the Project.

The Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, December 5, 2013 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Egg Harbor Township Community Center, 5045 English Creek Avenue, Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey 08234.

The purpose of the hearing is to inform the public about the Project and to solicit comments. Representatives of the Authority will be available at the hearing to discuss the Project. The opportunity for the public to present oral and/or written comments concerning the Project will be provided. The hearing format will consist of an official presentation at **6:00 p.m.** by the Authority, followed by the opportunity for members of the public to offer verbal or written comments.

Written comments may also be submitted to the Authority prior to the hearing and for sixty (60) days after the close of the hearing. Written comments should be addressed to:

Lamis Malak, Hearing Officer
New Jersey Turnpike Authority
P.O. Box 5042
Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095-0542

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

APPENDIX B

Letters Sent to Public Officials



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November 12, 2013

Dennis Levinson, County Executive
Atlantic County
1333 Atlantic Avenue
Atlantic City, NJ 08401

Re: New Jersey Turnpike Authority
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Egg Harbor Township, Galloway Township and City of Port Republic
Atlantic County, New Jersey

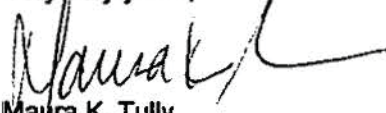
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The public hearing is being held to satisfy the requirements of Executive Order No. 172 which requires that the Authority conduct a public hearing to inform municipal and county officials and the public about certain highway projects prior to the start of project construction. The public hearing is also being held to satisfy the *New Jersey No Net Loss Reforestation Act* which requires a public hearing when a project involves the clearing of greater than one acre of forest and a plan for compensation or reforestation.

The Authority invites and encourages you to attend the public hearing. If you have any questions or comments, you may contact the Authority's Project Engineer and Manager, Lamis Malak at (732) 750-5300, Ext. 8247.

Very truly yours,



Maura K. Tully
Deputy General Counsel

MKT/jlr/Enclosures

cc: Robert Fischer, Acting Chief Engineer
John Withers, Supervising Engineer – Highways/Buildings
Lamis Malak, Senior Highway Engineer/Hearing Officer
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Honorable James J. McCullough
Mayor, Egg Harbor Township
3515 Bargaintown Road
Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234

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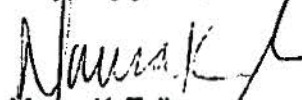
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Honorable Don Purdy
Mayor, Galloway Township
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November 12, 2013

Honorable Gary B. Giberson
Mayor, City of Port Republic
143 Main Street
Port Republic, NJ 08241

Re: New Jersey Turnpike Authority
Notice of Public Hearing – December 5, 2013
Garden State Parkway Widening from Milepost 38 to 48
Egg Harbor Township, Galloway Township and City of Port Republic
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Peter Miller, Township Administrator
Egg Harbor Township
3515 Bargaintown Road
Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234

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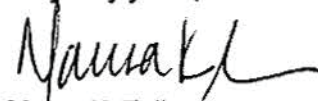
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Arch Liston, Township Manager
Galloway Township
300 East Jimmie Leeds Road
Galloway, NJ 08225

Re: New Jersey Turnpike Authority
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November 12, 2013

Sonya Harris, Freeholder Board Clerk
Atlantic County
Stillwater Building
201 Shore Road
Northfield, NJ 08225

Re: New Jersey Turnpike Authority
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Egg Harbor Township, Galloway Township and City of Port Republic
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November 12, 2013

Eileen M. Tedesco, Township Clerk
Egg Harbor Township
3515 Bargaintown Road
Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234

Re: New Jersey Turnpike Authority
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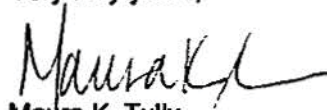
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Thalia Kay, Municipal Clerk
Galloway Township
300 East Jimmie Leeds Road
Galloway, NJ 08225

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November 12, 2013

Kimberly A. Campellone, Clerk
City of Port Republic
132 Main Street
Port Republic, NJ 08241

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Mr. Joseph D'Abundo, County Engineer
Atlantic County
P.O. Box 719
Northfield, NJ 08225

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James A. Mott, Township Engineer
Egg Harbor Township
Mott and Associates
3122 Fire Road
Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234

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Steven J. Bonanni, Director of Public Works
Galloway Township
300 East Jimmie Leeds Road
Galloway, NJ 08225

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Vincent Polistina, Township Engineer
Galloway Township
Polistina & Associates
6684 Washington Avenue
Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234

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City of Port Republic
840 N. Main Street
Pleasantville, NJ 08232

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Very truly yours,

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Robert Bousenberry, Project Manager
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P.O. Box 600
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Re: New Jersey Turnpike Authority
Notice of Public Hearing – December 5, 2013
Garden State Parkway Widening from Milepost 38 to 48
Egg Harbor Township, Galloway Township and City of Port Republic
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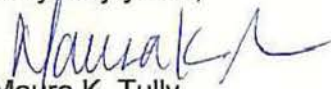
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Please provide an Affidavit of Publication as soon as possible to the attention of **Jackie Rooney, Administrative Assistant, Law Department**. Please provide your invoice to the attention of Sheri Ann Czajkowski, Assistant Secretary.

Please contact me at 732-750-5300, Ext. 8742 should you have any questions.

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NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING GARDEN STATE PARKWAY WIDENING PROJECT Milepost 38 to 48

Egg Harbor Township,
Galloway Township, City of
Port Republic, ATLANTIC
COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the New Jersey Turnpike Authority (the "Authority") will hold a Public Hearing in compliance with Executive Order 172 for the purpose of taking public comments on the proposed project, which includes the widening of the Garden State Parkway from Milepost 38 to Milepost 48 (the "Project"). The Project includes the addition of a third lane of travel in both directions and full shoulders from Milepost 38 to Milepost 48. This project is intended to enhance safety, relieve traffic congestion and increase capacity to meet traffic demand on this major north-to-south route, and will include reconstruction of the stormwater drainage system, widening and replacing bridges and culverts. This project is part of the Garden State Parkway Widening between mileposts 35 and 80 program.

In accordance with the New Jersey No Net Loss Reforestation Act, N.J.S.A. 13:11-14.2 et seq., the Authority will also present information concerning the proposed reforestation effort associated with the Project.

The Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, December 5, 2013 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Egg Harbor Township Community Center, 5045 English Creek Avenue, Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey 08234. The purpose of the hearing is to inform the public about the Project and to solicit comments. Representatives of the Authority will be available at the hearing to discuss the Project. The opportunity for the public to present oral and/or written comments concerning the Project will be provided. The hearing format will consist of an official presentation at 6:00 p.m. by the Authority, followed by the opportunity for members of the public to offer verbal or written comments.

Written comments may also be submitted to the Authority prior to the hearing and for sixty (60) days after the close of the hearing. Written comments should be addressed to:

Lamis Malak, Hearing Officer
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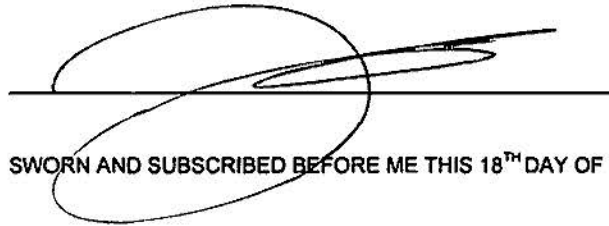
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**New Jersey Turnpike Authority
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December 5, 2013 / 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm**



HEARING LOCATION

Egg Harbor Township Community Center
5045 English Creek Avenue
Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234

AGENDA

Introduction of Purpose & Need

Lamis T. Malak, P.E.
Senior Highway Engineer
Hearing Officer, NJTA

Program Overview

Peter T. Kühne, P.E., PMP
Program Manager
Atkins North America, Inc.

Description of Improvements

- Construction Contract No. P200.254
Widening from Milepost 38.0 - 41.0
- Construction Contract No. P200.255
Widening from MP 42.3 - 48.0

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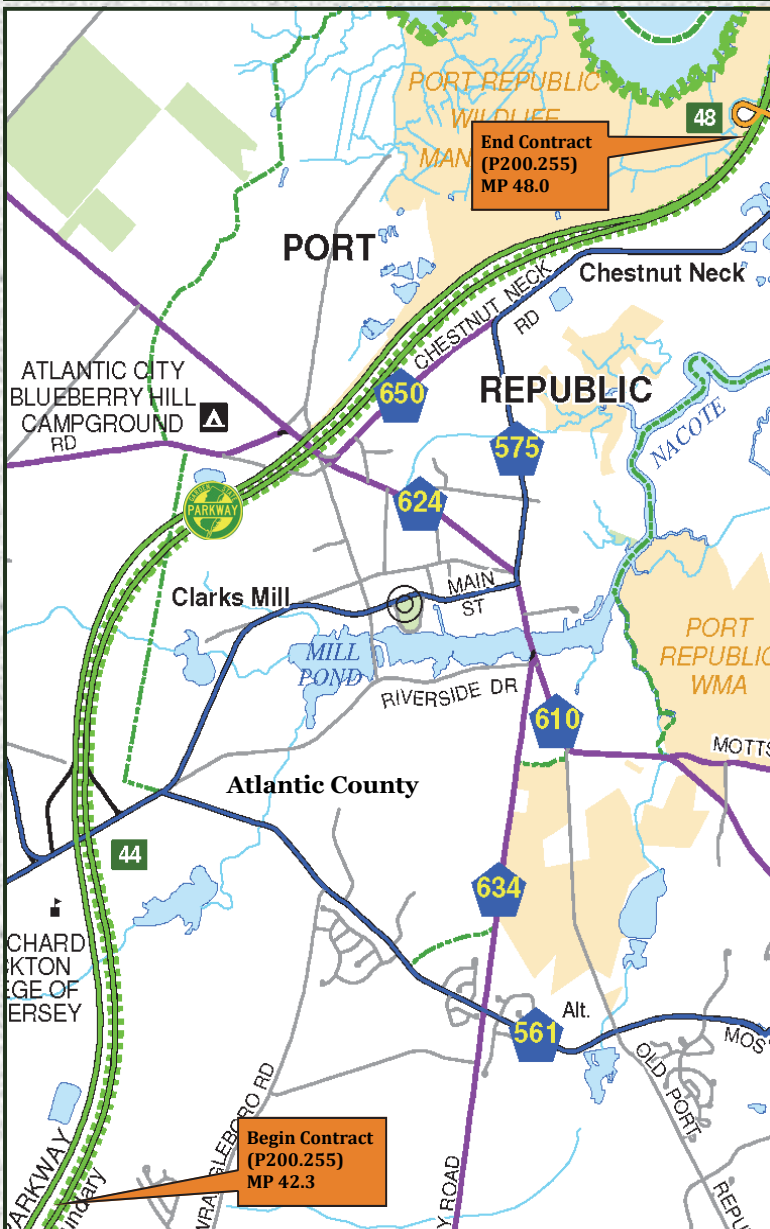
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P.O. Box 5042
Woodbridge, NJ 07095
Attn: Lamis T. Malak, P.E., Senior Highway Engineer

Garden State Parkway Widening Program

Milepost 38 to 48

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project will widen the northbound (NB) and southbound (SB) Garden State Parkway (GSP) mainline from two lanes with nominal shoulders to three lanes with full shoulders in both directions. The majority of the widening will be in the inside median. The proposed highway typical section will provide a 10' left shoulder, three 12' thru travel lanes and a 12' right shoulder. Other improvements include new overhead guide signs, ramp lighting, guide rail, utility relocations, and retention swales. Except for an easement over the Penn-Reading Seashore Line at milepost 39.9, the proposed widening will be accommodated within the existing GSP right-of-way. Construction along the mainline will be accomplished in multiple stages. Two lanes of travel, in each direction, will be maintained on the Garden State Parkway during peak travel times. Permits have been obtained from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), United States Coast Guard (USCG), and New Jersey Pinelands Commission (NJPC) for these improvements. Mitigation for all of the impacts associated with the milepost 38 to 48 widening was completed as part of the Garden State Parkway Widening between mileposts 35 and 80 program.

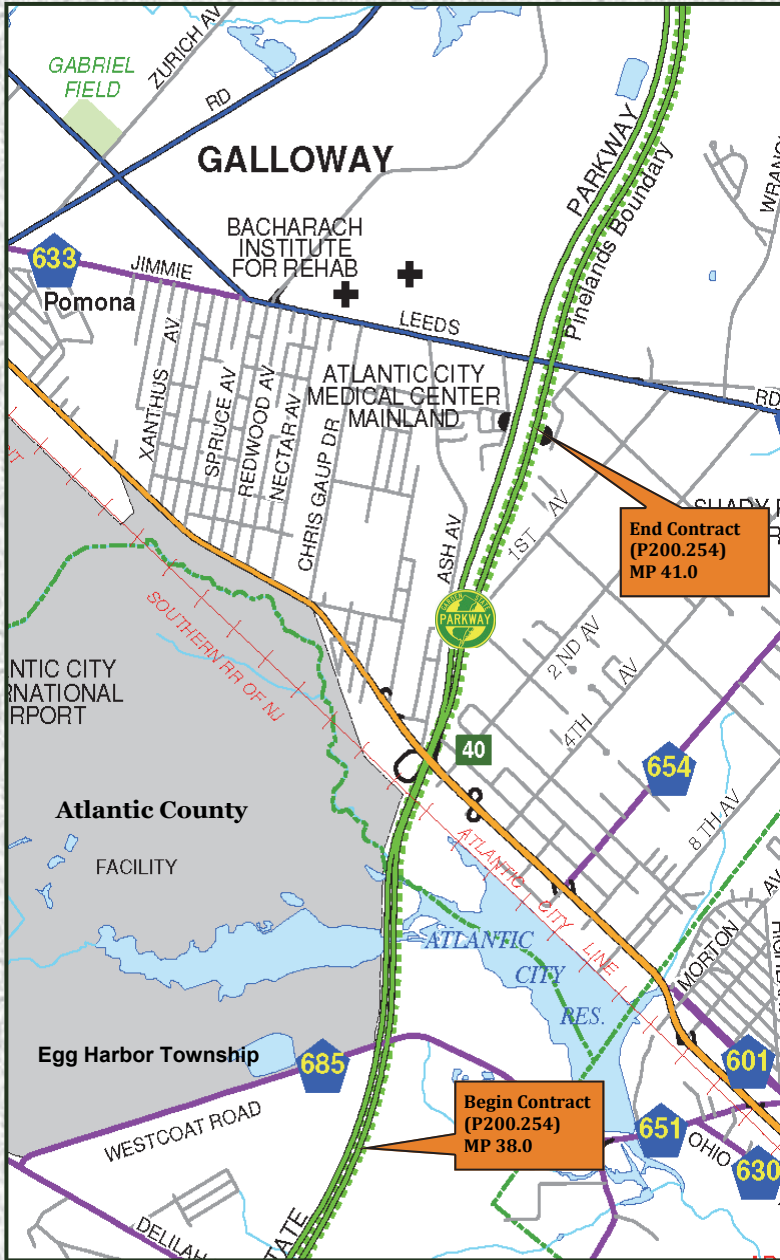


Garden State Parkway Widening Milepost 42.3 to 48.0 Construction Contract No. P200.255

City of Port Republic and Galloway Township,
Atlantic County

- Structures within the contract include the GSP bridges at CR 624-Clarks Landing Road (Structure MP 46.0) and ten (10) new sign structures.
- Estimated Construction cost for the contract is \$40.4 M.
- This contract will meet the widening and other improvements currently under construction between MP 41 and 42.3 and at Interchange 44.

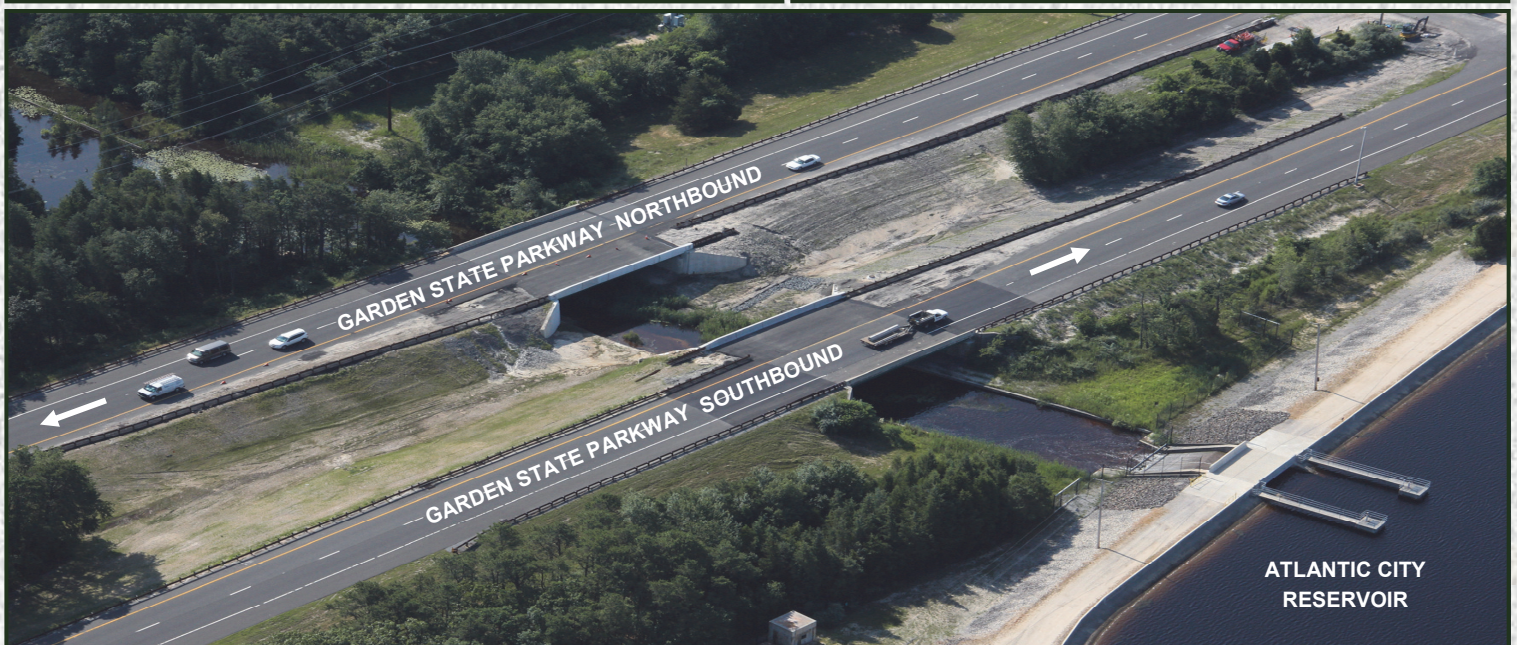




**Garden State Parkway Widening
Milepost 38.0 to 41.0
Construction Contract No. P200.254**

Egg Harbor and Galloway Townships, Atlantic County

- Structures within the contract include the GSP bridges at CR 685-Westcoat Road (Structure MP 38.9), Atlantic City Reservoir (Structure MP 39.3), Penn-Reading Seashore Line (Structure MP 39.9), US Rt. 30-White Horse Pike (Structure MP 40.0), and nine (9) new sign structures.
- Estimated Construction cost for the contract is \$44.0 M.
- This contract will meet the improvements currently under construction between MP 41 to 42.3.



APPENDIX F

Sign-in Sheet

New Jersey Turnpike Authority
Garden State Parkway Widening from MP 38 to MP 48
Executive Order No. 172/Deforestation
PUBLIC HEARING
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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY
Thursday, December 5, 2013

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4	Cynthia Ginnetti - resident.
5	Lyle Kitz - resident
6	Brian Mausert - GPI
7	PAUL CASACCIO - CLAYTON SELF STORAGE
8	Scott Macpherson - Atlantic County
9	Ryan Ross - NBC 40 News
10	ROBERT MATTHEWS - GANNETT FLEMING
11	George Azarko - Atkins N.A.
12	Malini Swaminathan - Atkins North America.
13	FRED AKERS - GEHWAN
14	Peter Kuhne - Atkins
15	Craig Rumlun - Councilman Port Republic
16	PAUL HODSON - EHT DEPUTY MAYOR
17	Ronald H Kornafel - Atlantic City - Callaway
18	Darlene Sillitoe - Ocean Co.
19	Ernest Dobb - Jacobs
20	BRYAN SMITH - GPI
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APPENDIX G

Transcript of Proceedings of Public Hearing

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY

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RE: GARDEN STATE PARKWAY)
PHASE 3 WIDENING) Public Hearing
MILEPOST 38 TO 48) Thursday December 5, 2013
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Held:
Egg Harbor Community Center
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1 (The public hearing was commenced at
2 6:01 p.m.)

3 MS. MALAK: Good evening and welcome to
4 the public meeting for the New Jersey Turnpike
5 Authority, Garden State Parkway Interchange 38
6 to 48 Widening.

7 My name is Lamis Malak. I'm the
8 Turnpike Authority's Project Manager for these
9 improvements.

10 It is now 6:01 p.m. on Thursday,
11 December 5th, 2013. I will be the hearing
12 officer for these proceedings, and I thank you
13 for your participation.

14 This hearing is being conducted pursuant
15 to Executive Order No. 172, and the format of
16 this hearing will follow these requirements.

17 The purpose of this hearing is for the
18 Authority to receive your opinions,
19 recommendations, suggestions, and comments
20 regarding the project and to review and address
21 the reforestation within the project limits.

22 Today's public hearing will begin first
23 with a presentation of the proposed
24 improvements by representatives of the
25 Authority. After the presentation, public

1 officials and then any members of the public
2 will be given the opportunity to provide
3 comments for the record as follows. It's in
4 the handout as well, so you may follow along if
5 you'd like.

6 Number one, anyone who wishes to speak
7 should register at the table located at the
8 entrance to the auditorium and provide all of
9 the information necessary on the form.

10 Actually, I picked the list up, so if
11 anybody wants to sign up, let me know.

12 Public officials who are registered to
13 speak will be given the opportunity to speak
14 first. They will be afforded ten minutes.
15 Then members of the public who wish to speak
16 will be given an opportunity to speak. They
17 will be afforded five minutes. Please keep in
18 mind that the comment session is not intended
19 to be a question-and-answer period.

20 The proceedings are being recorded by a
21 certified court reporter. When you speak,
22 please state your name, spell your last name,
23 and state your town of residence loudly and
24 clearly that so that the court reporter can
25 hear you.

1 You have the option to provide written
2 comments using forms located at the
3 registration table. The written comments will
4 be entered into the record.

5 The Authority will accept written
6 comments from any members of the public.
7 Members of the public may provide written
8 comments before February 3rd, 2014, which is
9 the hearing closing date.

10 We will evaluate all comments received,
11 both verbal and written, and will address them
12 by way of a hearing report filed by the
13 Authority. The hearing report preparation will
14 begin after the hearing closing date. A copy
15 of the hearing report will be sent to all
16 municipalities and counties within the project.

17 And now for the presentation. We have
18 an agenda. To give you an update, where we are
19 and what we're doing here, The 38 to 48
20 widening is part of the overall Garden State
21 Parkway Widening Program.

22 The Parkway has experienced capacity
23 issues south of Interchange 80 since the 1990s.
24 The former New Jersey Highway Authority
25 studied the needs of this section and

1 determined that the existing two-lane roadway
2 was experiencing failures. An environmental
3 assessment was conducted, and all the necessary
4 permits were obtained in November 2008 to
5 implement the solution to the capacity issue,
6 which is to widen the Garden State Parkway by
7 adding one additional travel lane in each
8 direction with full-width shoulders and
9 roadside safety improvements in both the
10 northbound and southbound directions.

11 As you may know, the first phase of the
12 overall program from Milepost 63 to 80 and the
13 widening of the Mullica River Bridge at
14 Milepost 49 was completed in 2011.

15 The second phase of the widening from
16 Milepost 48 to 63 is expected to be completed
17 at the end of January 2014 with only the Bass
18 River Bridge widening work continuing until
19 2015.

20 The Interchange 38 to 48 widening is
21 part of the third phase of the widening
22 program.

23 Another purpose of this public hearing
24 is to address reforestation. Trees will be
25 cleared as Part of the Interchange 38 to 48

1 widening. The construction of the proposed
2 stormwater treatment basins requires more
3 clearing than that that was completed in 2011.

4 The New Jersey Turnpike Authority is
5 subject to the requirements of the New Jersey
6 No Net Loss Reforestation Act, and as such, is
7 required by law to mitigate the loss of trees
8 in excess of one-half acre. A reforestation
9 plan will be submitted to NJ DEP at the end of
10 December 2013. The deforestation is 3.9 acres.

11 It's the Authority's intent to mitigate
12 for the loss of these trees through direct
13 monetary compensation to the New Jersey
14 Department of Environmental Protection. The
15 New Jersey DEP is responsible to utilize these
16 monies in tree planting programs within the
17 project boundaries.

18 I would now like to ask Peter Kuhne,
19 the Consultant Program Manager for the Garden
20 State Parkway Widening Program, to come forward
21 and expand on the projects.

22 MR. KUHNE: I'm going to lay this down.
23 Can you hear me all right? All right. Great.

24 Again, my name is Peter Kuhne. I'm the
25 Project Director with Atkins North America. We

1 are the project manager overseeing the design
2 for this program.

3 The environmental permits required for
4 the widening of the Garden State Parkway
5 includes the New Jersey Department of
6 Environmental Protection, New Jersey Coastal
7 Area Facility Review Act, which is called
8 CAFRA, State Historic Preservation Office, or
9 SHRO, New Jersey Pinelands Commission, US Army
10 Corps of Engineers, and the US Coast Guard.

11 The permitting process for the Garden
12 State Parkway widening was initiated in 2003,
13 and all permits were secured by November 2008.
14 There are three soil conservation districts
15 within the program, including Ocean County Soil
16 Conservation District, Burlington County Soil
17 Conservation District, and Cape-Atlantic
18 Conservation District.

19 One hundred ninety-five acres of the
20 wetlands mitigation, consisting of enhancement,
21 restoration, and preservation, were provided
22 for the 7.7 acres of the impacted wetlands.
23 The wetlands mitigation was completed in 2008.

24 As part of the conditions of the
25 environmental approvals required for this

1 program, a total of 454 acres of mitigation was
2 provided for the 245 acres of impacted,
3 threatened, and endangered species habitat.

4 For the secondary impact mitigation, the
5 Authority is required to purchase development
6 rights of properties in Pinelands and the CAFRA
7 zoned areas. This acquisition is ongoing.

8 For this phase, the proposed widening
9 begins at Interchange 38 and ends at
10 Interchange 48. The proposed improvements
11 consist of adding a third 12-foot wide travel
12 lane in both the northbound and southbound
13 directions and the construction of full-width
14 inside and outside shoulders. Inside shoulders
15 will be 10 feet wide, and the outside shoulders
16 will be 12 feet wide. The majority of the
17 widening will be in the median.

18 The inset photograph is a view of the
19 section of the completed GSP Milepost 48 to 63
20 widening. And this is viewing south along the
21 Parkway just south of Milepost 63. The
22 southbound lane is in the right-hand side of
23 the photograph.

24 This slide shows the proposed typical
25 cross section of the Garden State Parkway

1 widening. There are two scenarios shown. The
2 bottom view is for inside widening from
3 Milepost 38, which is just north of the
4 Atlantic City Expressway, to Milepost 39.7.
5 And from Milepost 41, which is just south of
6 the Garden State Parkway, Atlantic City Service
7 Plaza, to approximately Milepost 48.

8 The top view is for outside widening
9 conditions from Milepost 39.7 to Milepost 41.

10 In addition to the widening, other
11 ancillary improvements that will be constructed
12 consist of storm drainage, roadway lighting,
13 guide rails, pavement striping and signing, and
14 retention swales. The proposed improvements
15 will be accommodated within the existing Garden
16 State Parkway right of way.

17 Numerous existing utilities either cross
18 or run alongside the Garden State Parkway from
19 Milepost 38 to Milepost 48. The proposed
20 widening improvements will necessitate the
21 relocation of some of these utilities. Most of
22 the utilities to be relocated will be done via
23 advanced utility orders so that relocations
24 where ever is possible will be completed before
25 the widening construction begins.

1 The Parkway crosses several roads and a
2 rail line that has required significant
3 coordination with the New Jersey Department of
4 Transportation, Atlantic County, and New Jersey
5 Transit.

6 It is critical to maintain existing
7 travel patterns and capacity throughout the
8 construction of the Parkway widening. To
9 accomplish this, the construction will be
10 performed in multiple stages and utilize
11 existing shoulders for temporary traffic
12 conditions. Reconstruction of the existing
13 shoulders may be necessary to allow for
14 temporary traffic use.

15 The existing traffic capacity on the
16 Garden State Parkway will be maintained by
17 keeping two travel lanes open in each direction
18 during the construction activities. The
19 existing number of travel lanes on state and
20 county roads crossing the Parkway will be
21 maintained during peak traffic periods. In
22 order to perform some paving operations, the
23 placement of the bridge girders and other
24 construction activities, lane closures and
25 temporary slow-downs during off-peak hours and

1 overnight details, will be necessary.

2 Robert Matthews, who is a project
3 manager for Gannett Fleming, Incorporated, will
4 now discuss some of the details for the
5 widening of the Garden State Parkway from
6 Milepost 38 to Milepost 41.

7 Robert?

8 MR. MATTHEWS: Thank you, Peter.

9 The project from Milepost 38 to 41 is on
10 the board to my right.

11 The southern project limit is Milepost
12 38, which is just north of the Atlantic City
13 Expressway. And the northern project limit is
14 Milepost 41, which is just south of the
15 Atlantic City Service Area.

16 In the southern half of the project, the
17 median area between the northbound and
18 southbound area is wide. As such, the widening
19 will occur in the median in that area.

20 In the middle section of the project,
21 the median area is very narrow, and the
22 widening will take place to the outside.

23 Finally, in the north section of the
24 project, the median is wide, but the widening
25 is split both inside and outside. This occurs

1 to minimize impacts to natural resources and to
2 transition to tie into the Interchange 41
3 improvements being made under a separate
4 contract.

5 This contract requires the widening of
6 the six bridges carrying Garden State Parkway
7 traffic over various features. They are the
8 following: Garden State Parkway northbound and
9 southbound bridges over Westcoat Road at
10 Milepost 38.9. Garden State Parkway northbound
11 and southbound bridges over the Atlantic City
12 Reservoir Flume at Milepost 39.3. The Garden
13 State Parkway northbound and southbound bridge
14 over the New Jersey Transit Penn-Reading
15 Seashore Line at Milepost 39.9. And the Garden
16 State Parkway northbound and southbound over
17 the US Route 30, which is also White Horse
18 Pike, at Milepost 40.

19 Bridges over Westcoat Road are full
20 superstructure replacements in addition to the
21 widening. Westcoat Road will remain open
22 during construction but will need to be closed
23 to traffic overnight to erect the steel beams
24 for the new bridge. These closures will be of
25 short duration, and the road will be detoured

1 during the closure.

2 The large electrical distribution line
3 on Westcoat Road near the Parkway will also
4 require relocation in line with new utility
5 poles.

6 Bridges over the Atlantic City Reservoir
7 Flume have already been widened under Contract
8 P200-140. This contract will replace the
9 bridge deck and parapets of the original
10 portions of the bridge that were constructed in
11 1953. No impact to the Reservoir are required.

12 The bridge over the railroad will be a
13 full replacement. No long-term outages to that
14 New Jersey Transit rail service is required.

15 The bridge over White Horse Pike is a
16 widening only. Work zones for the construction
17 will be required on White Horse Pike. However,
18 no long-term lane closures are required. The
19 lanes on the White Horse Pike will be shifted,
20 but two lanes in each direction will be
21 maintained. Also, provisions for pedestrian
22 traffic under the bridge will be maintained on
23 at least one side of the White Horse Pike
24 during the construction.

25 Construction costs of this contract is

1 estimated at \$45 million, and the project is
2 expected to take approximately 33 months.

3 And now I introduce Brian Mausert from
4 GPI.

5 MR. MAUSERT: Good evening. I'm Brian
6 Mausert, GPI. I'm managing the Garden State
7 Parkway widening between Milepost 42.3 to 48.

8 This project provides for over five and
9 a half miles of Parkway widening within the
10 Townships of Galloway and the City of Port
11 Republic just north of Jimmie Leeds Road to its
12 interface with previously constructed widenings
13 at Interchange 48 at the Route 9 crossing.

14 The Garden State Parkway pavement
15 widenings in this section will be toward the
16 median. The project includes the construction
17 of acceleration and deceleration lanes at the
18 new northbound exit and southbound entrance
19 ramps to Interchange 44, Pomona Road, which is
20 currently being constructed under another
21 project.

22 The project includes the construction of
23 stormwater management basins, all within the
24 Garden State Parkway's median, to comply with
25 NJ DEP stormwater management regulations.

1 Existing aerial electric lines over the
2 Garden State Parkway south of Clarks Landing
3 Road will be removed, with the replacement of
4 these facilities to be installed underground at
5 Clarks Landing Road.

6 The project includes the deck
7 replacement and widening of the Garden State
8 Parkway bridges over Clarks Landing Road in the
9 City of Port Republic and accommodates an
10 additional -- an additional lane and widened
11 shoulders.

12 Bridgework will be conducted behind
13 temporary shielding. And during construction,
14 Clarks Landing Road bridges, the Clarks Landing
15 Road will remain open to traffic with only
16 temporary slow-downs at night to allow for the
17 erection of steel girders.

18 The project includes final striping to
19 provide for three lanes of traffic on the
20 Garden State Parkway in both directions, both
21 within the project limits and beyond north of
22 the project to just south of the Bass River
23 Bridge in the north at Milepost 51.3. And
24 these stripes -- striping will continue to the
25 south to the northern interphase of our project

1 at Route 9, at the Route 9 Bridge at
2 Interchange 48.

3 Construction is anticipated to last
4 approximately two years, with completion August
5 2016. Estimated construction cost is between
6 40 and \$50 million.

7 And I'll invite Lamis Malak back for a
8 summary.

9 MS. MALAK: Thank you, guys. Okay.

10 At this time the public is invited to
11 provide comments regarding the physical
12 improvements as well as the deforestation and
13 its mitigation for the loss of trees, either
14 orally at the hearing or in writing, as I
15 mentioned earlier.

16 The floor is now open for public
17 comment, and I'm going to read the public
18 officials first. And when I read your name
19 please come forward.

20 Craig Rummler.

21 MR. RUMMLER: Yeah.

22 MS. MALAK: Feel free to walk around.

23 MR. RUMMLER: I'm currently the City
24 Councilman President for the Board of the City
25 of Port Republic.

1 I would ask that the Transit Authority,
2 Transportation Authority, include Port Republic
3 in their original -- or any time there's any
4 changes. What happened was, we got a notice
5 from the County of Atlantic that Clarks Landing
6 Road was going to be totally closed during the
7 original operation or the original planning.
8 Had anybody bothered to contact the City of
9 Port Republic, we would have been able to head
10 that off. But as it was, it took a couple
11 weeks, and finally agreed to remain Clarks
12 Landing Road -- at least remain open during the
13 project. By closing it, you would completely
14 shut off half the town.

15 Anybody that lives west of the Parkway
16 would have -- if they had had a fire or
17 anything, emergency services would have taken
18 an extra 20 minutes to get to those residences.
19 So that was the critical point to keep Clarks
20 Landing Road open. We thank you for amending
21 that.

22 We would ask that in the future, if
23 there's any changes, that rather than go
24 through the County because it is a county road
25 that you would also include Port Republic in

1 any decision-making factors.

2 You mentioned about having to close the
3 road during -- when they set the steel. We
4 understand that. My concern there is if
5 anybody goes to the area, we have two homes
6 that are from me to the less than the back of
7 the room away from the Parkway. And any kind
8 of working at night is going to -- you know,
9 people have to leave their homes because it's
10 so close. So we would ask that any night work
11 or off-hours work, you know, if we could get
12 advance notification on when that will happen
13 to let these people know, and it will be
14 limited to, as much as -- you know, as least as
15 possible.

16 One other thing I have to say, we --
17 when this project first started with the
18 widening, we had asked the Garden State Parkway
19 or the Turnpike Authority to consider some sort
20 of noise abatement along some areas of the
21 Parkway. This being because many of the homes
22 on -- it would be the east side of the Parkway
23 in the south -- northbound lane are very, very
24 close to the Garden State Parkway.

25 A couple years ago Atlantic Electric

1 decided to run high-tension wires down the
2 Parkway. And although it was on the west side
3 of the Parkway, a lot of us do live on the west
4 side of the Parkway, it took away a lot of the
5 forestation. I personally live on the west
6 side of the Parkway, and my property -- I have
7 13 acres, and my property abuts the Parkway.
8 And before the electric company come in, I
9 couldn't see the Parkway. But now I have clear
10 view of the Parkway, and I have clear noise of
11 the Parkway. By adding the third lane, it's
12 going to increase it that much more.

13 Now the people on the other side of the
14 Parkway, they virtually walk out their back
15 door and almost right on the Parkway. So we
16 contacted the Turnpike Authority for
17 references. They said they did all their fancy
18 surveys, took all their noise sounds [sic] and
19 said it wasn't strong enough. But I would ask
20 anybody that doesn't think that it is to
21 come -- please come to these town -- come to
22 Port Republic. Sit in our residents' living
23 room and hear the noise. I mean, it's
24 wintertime. Traffic is less. But I can hear
25 it. And I have 13 acres, and I'm several

1 hundred feet off the Parkway. But it's a
2 constant drone of noise, especially on the
3 weekends, especially on holidays. It's a
4 constant. And you have those rumble strips.
5 And that's all you hear, BBBBRRRRRR, all the
6 time.

7 The people on the other side of the
8 Parkway, they live a lot closer than I do, and
9 it's hard. It's terrible. A lot of people
10 can't sleep at night in the summertime with the
11 bus traffic and heavy-duty traffic.

12 So I would ask that somebody, please,
13 come down. Sit with our neighbors. Sit with
14 our residents and see what they go through. We
15 need some sort a noise abatement. The Mayor
16 had asked, also, about some sort of trees, and
17 we were shot down.

18 But this widening of the third lane in
19 the center, you're taking out more forestation.
20 You have to. It's known. And that's what
21 makes -- cuts some of the noise down. But not
22 now only the people get northbound traffic, but
23 because there's a third lane, they're going to
24 get southbound traffic. So they're going to
25 get hit from both sides.

1 So we would ask that you really consider
2 reforestation, consider noise. It's not that
3 long of a stretch. It's a short. It's a
4 couple miles, which I know is expensive. But
5 it is a couple miles. And it is -- it affects
6 probably a dozen to two dozen families that own
7 property along the Parkway.

8 Thank you for holding this here. We
9 appreciate it.

10 MS. MALAK: Okay. I have no one else on
11 the list. Has anyone changed their mind that
12 they want to come on up?

13 And if you do decide, we're here to 7,
14 so I guess we'll close the comment period right
15 now. And if someone decides, please see me.
16 And if anybody sees somebody come in, you know.
17 But we'll be here until 7:00, and we'll wrap up
18 at that time.

19 So thank you, and I'll be back later.

20 (The public comment portion was paused
21 at 6:24 p.m.)

22 MS. MALAK: It is now 7 p.m. The
23 hearing is now closed.

24 The hearing report will be prepared by
25 the Authority and will be available for the

1 public.

2 Thank you, everyone, for attending.

3 Okay.

4 (Applause.)

5 (The public hearing was adjourned at
6 7:00 p.m.)

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By DONALD WITTKOWSKI Staff Writer

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP — Garden State Parkway officials are promising smoother rides and fewer accidents with the widening of a 10-mile stretch that becomes congested during the summer tourist rush to the Jersey Shore.

The project will add a third lane in each direction between mileposts 38 and 48 through the Atlantic County communities of Port Republic, Galloway Township and Egg Harbor Township.

Representatives of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority, the parkway's operating agency, touted the benefits of the project during a public hearing Thursday night at the Egg Harbor Township Community Center.

John Withers, the authority's supervising engineer, predicted there will be "significant" improvements to traffic flow and safety when the heavily traveled toll road is widened in this area.

"We saw 14-mile backups in the summertime. They are going to be a thing of the past," Withers said. "People will no longer give a second thought to traveling because the traffic won't be as bad as in the past."

The project represents the next phase of a \$900 million widening of the southern part of the parkway from Toms River, Ocean County, into Atlantic County, including improvements to the bridges spanning the Mullica and Bass rivers.

Widening of the 10-mile stretch of the Garden State Parkway through Atlantic County is scheduled to begin by the third quarter of next year.



Press graphic by Krishna Mathias

The project's northern stretch between mileposts 63 and 80 was completed in 2011. As construction moves south, work crews continue to widen the road, along with making related improvements to bridges, culverts and other parts of the parkway.

Widening of the 10-mile section through Atlantic County is scheduled to begin by the third quarter of next year, with completion in 2016 and 2017.

Parkway motorists who attended the public hearing said they supported the project, especially if it fulfills the highway authority's promise of making their commutes faster and safer.

"When they did it up north in the Forked River area, it really improved traffic patterns. If it worked up there, it should be successful down here," said Paul Casaccio, an Upper Township, Cape May County, resident who uses the parkway for business trips to Trenton.

Jean Lawless, of Northfield, is anxious to see the project completed, hoping it will cure the bottlenecks she and her husband, Charles, encounter during rides up to Bass River State Forest at Exit 50.

"I like the idea very much, because I see bumper-to-bumper traffic," she said. "I definitely think it needs to be widened."

Charles Lawless said he tries to avoid driving on the parkway during busy weekends, particularly when there are big concerts or other special events to draw tourists to the shore.

"You can tell when there is big-name entertainment or something else big going on, because it's a full house," he said of the parkway congestion.

Lawless said he hopes the widening project will reduce air pollution because cars, trucks and buses won't idle as much if they're not stuck in traffic jams.

Port Republic City Council President Craig Rummler said the project should improve access to his tiny town, but he expressed concern that residents living next to the parkway will have to deal with more noise generated by extra traffic. He said Port Republic officials asked for sound barriers of some type to be installed, but were told by the highway authority that they wouldn't be needed.

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"They said it wouldn't create more noise. But I think there's going to be increased noise. It's got to be louder," Rummler said.

Withers and Lamis Malak, the highway authority's senior highway engineer, said the project does not have any controversial aspects. When the widening project originally began, environmental groups and others criticized it because it led to the cutting of scores of trees along the wooded roadway.

Most of the tree-cutting needed for the stretch through Atlantic County has already been done, although an additional 3.9 acres of trees will have to be chopped down for stormwater basins, Withers said. He did not have an estimate of the number of trees that will be cut down in that area.


As a companion to the widening project, the parkway has begun building full exits at Interchanges 44 and 41 in Galloway Township. Those exits are scheduled for completion in 2015 at a cost of \$32.6 million.

Plans call for Interchange 41 to have a new southbound and northbound entrance at Jimmie Leeds Road, where motorists are able to access the parkway through a service plaza that is not officially marked as an exit. Parkway food contractor HMSHost Corp. will build a new \$7 million service plaza related to Interchange 41's reconstruction. The new service plaza is scheduled for completion in 2015.

In addition, a new \$13.5 million State Police barracks is being built at Interchange 41. Completion of the barracks is set for 2014.

Interchange 44, at Pomona Road, will be upgraded into a full exit with new traffic lights and ramps.

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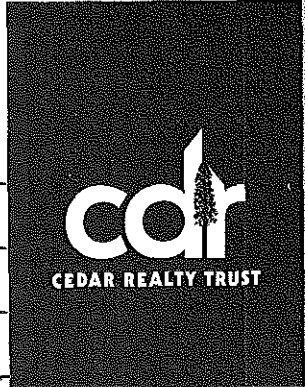
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Concerns Regarding the Necessity and Implications of Phase 3 of the widening of the Garden State Parkway in Southern New Jersey

New Jersey Turnpike Authority, Engineering Department
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Attn: Lamis T. Malak, P.E., Senior Highway Engineer

Mr. Malak,

I am writing to voice my concern with the Garden State Parkway widening project that has undergone two phases, with a third set to begin in the coming year of 2014. The project not only incurs a huge expense to the New Jersey taxpayers, it is also injurious to the state's already poor water quality, and it is likely to encourage the further development of a severely overdeveloped area. The relatively insubstantial need for the project does not justify the total cost that would be occurred; both financially and to public health and wellbeing. If your department is not convinced that the damages far outweigh the benefit of this project, then I must entreat you to consider moving forward in a manner which limits damage to the environment and improves the Parkway in ways beyond the alleviation of traffic.

This project will directly eliminate large expanses of vegetation and replace them with impervious surfaces. This will result in an increase in the base surface discharge of stormwater along the entire length of the construction project. I understand that stormwater management facilities are to be constructed in an attempt to curb this increase. However, I have observed the management practices that have been employed in conjunction with the shoulder installation occurring further north on the Parkway. If these are the current standard practices of your agency, then the proposed undertaking will similarly result in the removal of vegetated areas to construct sandy retention basins. Such basins, which are apparently only vegetated by hydroseeding, are not equipped to eliminate heavy metals and other contaminants associated with road run-off before the water percolates into the underlying groundwater or nearby water bodies. Vegetated systems are much more effective in this regard, and naturally vegetated lowlands typically have a much higher permeability than manmade stormwater management structures. The widening of the Parkway also serves to increase the ease of access to the coast, which will potentially serve to encourage further development in this area.

In order to justify the completion of such a project, a study should be completed demonstrating that significant traffic delays are caused on a frequent and regular basis, and that these delays are the result of a lack of sufficient driving lanes and not the result of accidents and construction activity. Such a study does not appear to have been conducted and made available to the public. Therefore, I must regrettably base my understanding of the level of need for this project on anecdotal evidence and common knowledge amongst residence of the New Jersey's coastal region. Before I justify myself, however, I would like to say that the completion of an expensive and injurious undertaking such as this without a formal study supporting its need is not justifiable. If such studies have been completed, I encourage your department to release this information to the public in a form of media more relevant and wide-reaching than a newspaper, and more easily accessible than an inconveniently timed meeting.

In my experience, and in the experience of those residents that I have spoken to, traffic along the Parkway becomes progressively lighter the farther you travel from New York City. As far south as this project is occurring, traffic heavy enough to cause significant delays only has a tendency to occur

when an accident or construction activities are encountered, or when traveling on certain holidays. Traffic volume – that which is heavy enough to cause general stress and aggravation without adding more than a few minutes to your trip – only typically occurs on Thursdays and weekends during summer months. The addition of a third lane will do nothing to reduce the frequency of accidents, and will only cause significant construction delays while in progress. Therefore, all that this project may serve to accomplish is the reduction of moderate stress for drivers for a few days out of the week, during a few months out of the year, with no significant reduction in driving time.


It is common knowledge that New Jersey's water quality ranks disappointingly high amongst the most contaminated watersheds in the nation. This is largely due to the high population density of the state and the rampant overdevelopment necessary to accommodate so many people in such a small area. However, it is in no small part the result of a culture of disregard for the quality and sustainability of the resources that support us which seems to be represented in this project. Hurricane Sandy clearly demonstrated the disastrous effects of trying to permanently develop what is naturally the most dynamic land mass type on the planet. It does not seem that the benefit of this project comes close to outweighing the cumulative cost to the finances, water quality, and shoreline of our state. I urge your department to reconsider this expansion.

However, should your department find the voice of myself and those of a similar mindset not to be compelling, I would suggest that the project be altered to offset some of its detrimental effects. I see that your department already intends to mitigate the deforestation necessary for the completion of this project by replanting other deforested areas, and I applaud this legally mandated effort. However, the increase in non-point pollution of our water systems should be limited by constructing vegetated stormwater management systems such as bioretention basins to sequester the contaminants that will leach into our water unchecked otherwise. In addition, the construction of the Parkway has been a massive contributor to the fragmentation of New Jersey's ecosystems. The Parkway also presents a dangerous barrier for pedestrians and bicyclists that might hope to cross. My apartment in Toms River, for example, would be a five minute walk away from a grocery store, a home improvement store, a sizable wooded park, an ice skating rink, and plenty of other facilities. Unfortunately, the Parkway stands in my way, with no overpass and only one nearby underpass with no shoulder. However, construction activities provide an opportunity for retrofitting. To mitigate the social and environmental harm that the Parkway itself causes, this opportunity should at least be taken advantage of to construct pedestrian walkways and migratory causeways in practical locations.

The country is making positive strides in the realm of environmental stewardship, and it has been disappointing to watch New Jersey lag behind. Consistently adhering to nothing but the minimum measures required by law will not change that. I urge you to reconsider your existing plans and practices, and to consider with greater precedence the health and welfare of the local public.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,



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