

Public Hearing Record

New Jersey Turnpike Authority Improvements at Garden State Parkway Interchange 163 Borough of Paramus, Bergen County, New Jersey March 2014

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New Jersey Turnpike Authority Garden State Parkway Interchange 163 Improvements OPS No. 3339 Borough of Paramus, Bergen County, New Jersey

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1.0 Introduction

On Tuesday, December 10, 2013, a Public Information Center (PIC) and Public Hearing (Hearing) were held by the New Jersey Turnpike Authority (Authority) for the Garden State Parkway (GSP) Interchange 163 Improvements, located at the GSP's crossing of NJ Route 17, in the Borough of Paramus, Bergen County, New Jersey. This 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 Paramus Life Safety Complex, Carlough Drive, Paramus Borough, New Jersey, 07652.

2.0 Hearing Summary

Design team members in attendance included representatives from the Authority and the consultant team. Two gentlemen, affiliated with the Paramus Shade Tree Commission were in also in attendance.

The Public Hearing began at 6:00 pm with a formal presentation by Lamis Malak of New Jersey Turnpike Authority and Anthony Fulco of Dewberry, after which the public was given the opportunity to provide comments. The presentation was recorded by a certified court reporter. No public comments were provided at the public hearing which concluded at 7:00 pm.

The Paramus Shade Tree Commission members inquired about the proposed deforestation (approximately 4 acres) and the proposed compensation. It was explained to them that mitigation will take the form of monetary compensation to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

3.0 Project Need

Interchange 163 is a partial interchange that provides connections with the northbound GSP to and from northbound Route 17, and with the southbound GSP to and from southbound Route 17. The northbound and southbound GSP exit ramps are both left side exits, and this condition contributes significantly to the operational issues at this interchange resulting in slower moving exiting vehicles in the high-speed left lanes. The purpose of the project is to improve traffic operational conditions and safety at the exit ramps of Interchange 163, as well as alleviate current recurring traffic congestion.

4.0 Project Description

The Initially Preferred Alternative (IPA) relocates the northbound and southbound main line GSP into the existing median area crossing over Route 17 on new structures. This new alignment closes the existing left side exits on both the northbound and southbound GSP, and both ramps are reconstructed as standard right side exits.

The realignment of the northbound GSP to the west allows Ramp 163 NBX, the northbound GSP exit ramp to northbound Route 17, to be reconstructed as a right side



exit without moving traffic closer to the existing homes along the east side of the GSP and without the need for right-of-way (ROW) acquisition. This new right side exit for Ramp 163 NBX can utilize the existing northbound GSP structures over Ramp 163 SBX, as well as Route 17, and can connect to the existing Ramp 163 NBX pavement prior to accessing northbound Route 17. Ramp 163 NBX would cross under new structures carrying the realigned northbound and southbound GSP, and also under the existing southbound GSP bridge over this ramp, which would now be utilized for the relocated Ramp 163 SBX. Ramp 163 NBE, the northbound Route 17 exit ramp to the northbound GSP, can remain in place.

In the southbound direction, the realignment of the southbound GSP toward the east into the median area allows Ramp 163 SBX to be reconstructed as a right side exit without moving traffic closer to the existing adjacent commercial site (formerly Einstein Moomjy) and without the need for ROW acquisition. This new right side exit ramp can utilize the existing southbound GSP structures over both Ramp 163 NBX and Route 17. Ramp 163 SBX would cross under new structures carrying the realigned northbound and southbound GSP, and also under the existing northbound GSP bridge over this ramp, which would now be utilized for relocated Ramp 163 NBX. Ramp 163 SBE, the southbound Route 17 exit ramp to the southbound GSP, can remain largely in place prior to connecting to the relocated southbound GSP. No ROW acquisition will result from these improvements.

As noted previously, proposed Ramps 163 SBX and 163 NBX would utilize existing northbound and southbound GSP structures. Modifications to these structures will be required to accommodate these proposed ramps, including the removal of the widened portion of the structures which were constructed in 1976, replacing the bridge decks and installing new parapets. Structure modifications include full deck replacement.

5.0 Notice of Public Hearing

5.1 Written Notice

A table of the local, county, and state public officials who were sent written notice of the Public Hearing can be found below. A copy of the notification letter and Public Hearing Informational Handout can be found in Appendix A.



First	Last	Agency	Title
Richard	LaBarbiera	Paramus Borough	Mayor
Joseph	D'Arco	Paramus Borough	Administrator
Annemarie	Krusznis	Paramus Borough	Borough Clerk
Peter	Ten Kate, PE	Paramus Borough	Borough Engineer
Kathleen	Donovan	Bergen County	Bergen County Executive
David	Ganz	Bergen County	Chairman
		Freeholders	
John S.	Hogan	Bergen County	County Clerk
Joseph A.	Femia, PE	Bergen County	County Engineer
Edward J.	Trawinski	Bergen County	County Administrator
Nicholas	Dogias	New Jersey	Project Manager
		Department of	_
		Transportation	

5.2 Legal Notice

Public notices for the Public Hearing was published in the Bergen Record and Star Ledger on November 15, 2013. A copy of the legal notice and affidavit is included in Appendix B.

6.0 Public Information Center and Public Hearing

The PIC and Public Hearing were held from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at the Paramus Life Safety Complex. Total attendance was 4 people. A copy of the sign-in sheet and the handout that was presented to all attendees is included in Appendix C.

The Public Hearing began at 6:00 pm with a formal presentation, after which the public was given the opportunity to provide comments. The presentation and public comment period were recorded by a Certified Court Reporter. No comments were offered by the public. A copy of the hearing transcript is included in Appendix D.

7.0 Public Comments

A written comment period of 60 days subsequent to the public hearing was provided to the public. Written and email comments were accepted by the Authority until Monday, February 10, 2014 at 5:00 pm; however, no comments were received.



Appendix A: Notification Letters

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November 14, 2013

JAN WALDEN, Commissioner VERONIQUE HAKIM, Executive Director

Honorable Richard A. LaBarbiera Mayor, Borough of Paramus Borough Hall 1 Jockish Square Paramus, NJ 07652

Re:

New Jersey Turnpike Authority

Notice of Public Hearing - December 10, 2013

Garden State Parkway Interchange 163 Improvements

Milepost 162.7 to 163.7

Borough of Paramus, Bergen County, New Jersey

Dear Mayor LaBarbiera:

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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

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VERONIQUE HAKIM, Executive Director November 14, 2013

Joseph D'Arco, Administrator Borough of Paramus Borough Hall 1 Jockish Square Paramus, NJ 07652

Re:

New Jersey Turnpike Authority

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Borough of Paramus, Bergen County, New Jersey

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JAN WALDEN, Commissioner VERONIQUE HAKIM, Executive Director

Annemarie Krusznis, Borough Clerk Borough of Paramus Borough Hall 1 Jockish Square Paramus, NJ 07652

Re:

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Peter Ten Kate, P.E., Borough Engineer Borough of Paramus Borough Hall 1 Jockish Square Paramus, NJ 07652

Re:

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Honorable Kathleen Donovan Bergen County Executive One Bergen County Plaza Hackensack, NJ 07601

Re:

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Dear County Executive Donovan:

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Honorable David Ganz, Chairman Bergen County Freeholders One Bergen County Plaza Hackensack, NJ 07601

Re:

New Jersey Turnpike Authority

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Borough of Paramus, Bergen County, New Jersey

Dear Freeholder Chairman Ganz:

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John S. Hogan, Clerk Bergen County One Bergen County Plaza, 4th Floor Hackensack, NJ 07601

Re:

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Re:

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Edward J. Trawinski, Administrator Bergen County Engineer One Bergen County Plaza, 4th Floor Hackensack, NJ 07601

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Mr. Nicholas Dogias NJ Department of Transportation P.O. Box 600 1035 Parkway Avenue Trenton, NJ 08625

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NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING GARDEN STATE PARKWAY INTERCHANGE 163 IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Borough of Paramus; BERGEN 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 Improvements to Garden State Parkway (GSP) Interchange 163 between milepost 162.7 and 163.7 (the "Project"). The Project is intended to improve safety along this section of the GSP by realigning northbound and southbound mainline sections of the GSP into the existing median in order to relocate the existing left side exits at the Interchange to the right side of the GSP. This project will also include stormwater drainage system enhancements and, new and rehabilitated bridges.

In accordance with the New Jersey No Net Loss Reforestation Act, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 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 Tuesday, December 10, 2013 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Paramus Life Safety Complex, Carlough Drive, Borough of Paramus, New Jersey.

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

> VERONIQUE HAKIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

NJ TURNPIKE AUTHORITY PO BOX 5042-5 & 1 Main ST. ATTN: JACKIE ROONEY Woodbridge, NJ 07095-5042

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY COUNTY OF PASSAIC SS:

NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING GARDEN STATE PARKWAY INTERCHANGE 163 IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Borough of Paramus; BERGEN 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 improvements to Garden State Parkway (GSP)Interchange 163 between milepost 162.7 and 163.7 (the "Project"). The Project is intended to improve safety along this section of the GSP by realigning northbound and southbound mainine sections of the GSP into the existing median in order to relocate the existing left side exits at the Interchange to the fight side of the GSP. This project will also include stormwater drainage system enhancements and, new and rehabilitated bridges.

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

The Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. In the Paramus Life Safety Complex, Carfough Drive, Borough of Paramus, New Jersey.

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 8:00 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 Turncike Authority P.O. Box 5042 Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095-0542

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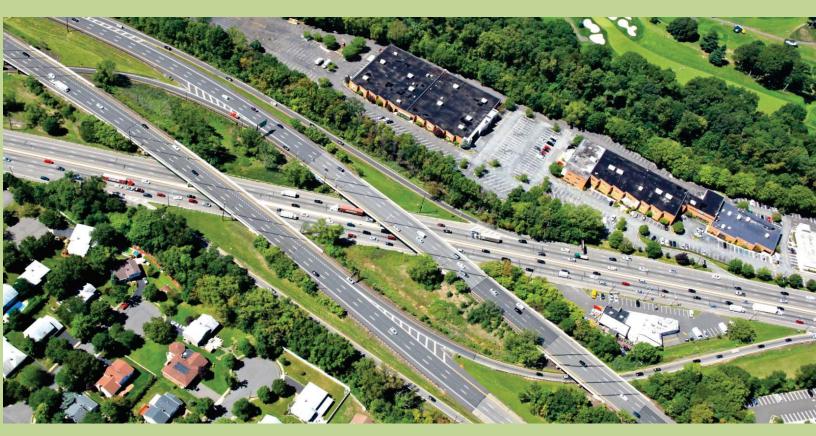
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Appendix C: Sign-in Sheets and Hearing Handout

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PUBLIC HEARING



The New Jersey Turnpike Authority

Garden State Parkway Interchange 163 Improvements

From Milepost 162.7 to 163.7

Date: December 10, 2013

Place: Paramus Life Safety Complex, Carlough Drive Borough of Paramus, New Jersey 07652

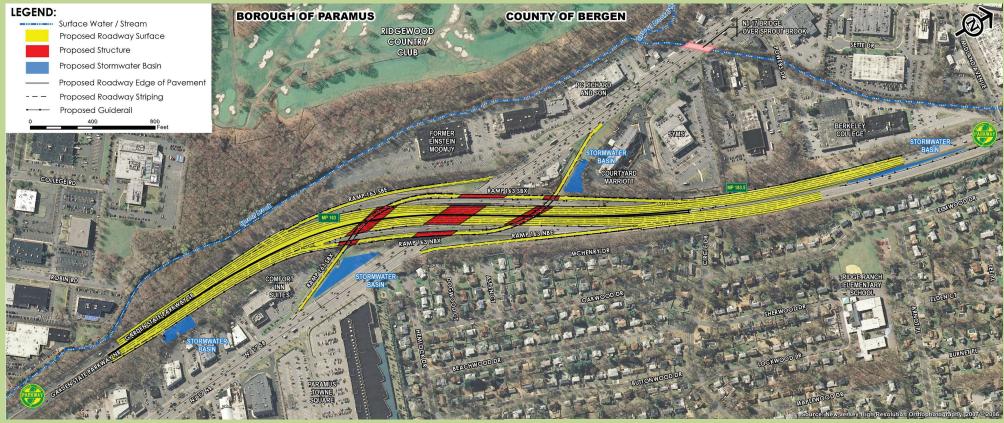
Time: Public Information Center 4:30 - 6:00 pm
Public Hearing 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Public Hearing Agenda:

- Introduction of Purpose and Need
- Description of Improvements
- Public Comment







Project Overview

The purpose of the project is to improve the safety and operation of Interchange 163. This will be achieved by realigning northbound and southbound mainline sections of the GSP into the existing median in order to relocate the existing left side exits at the Interchange to the right side of the GSP. This project will also include stormwater drainage system enhancements and new and rehabilitated bridges.

- The proposed project improvements will provide:
 - Right side exits to Route 17 northbound and southbound
 - Rehabilitation of 4 bridges and the construction of 3 new bridges
 - Improved overhead signing
 - Extended acceleration and deceleration lanes
 - New water quality basins
- All work on the GSP will be completed within the existing right-of-way
- The estimated construction cost is \$ 66 million
- The estimated completion of construction work is Fall 2016.

Permits and Approvals

- NJ Executive Order 215 Environmental Impact Statement (Approved May 2013)
- NJDEP Land Use Regulation Program
 - Letter of Interpretation (Issued May 2013)
 - Individual Freshwater Wetlands Permit (IP), Section 401 Water Quality Certification (Application Submitted September 2013)
 - Flood Hazard Area Permit (including Stormwater Management review) (Application Submitted September 2013)
- NJDEP Forest Service
 - No Net Loss Reforestation (Application Anticipated December 2013)
- Bergen County Soil Conservation District
 - Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Certification (Application Anticipated December 2013)





Project Implementation Schedule

Interim Route 17
Improvements
Completed
March 2012

Engineering & Environmental Studies 2012

Permits / Final Design 2013

Construction 2014

Public Hearing Rules

This public hearing is 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.ewq.). EO 172 requires that the Authority conduct a public hearing to advise the public of certain highway projects prior to the start of construction. The No Net Loss Reforestation Act requires a public hearing to present information concerning the clearing of, and compensation for, greater than one acre of forested area. In accordance with the New Jersey No Net loss Act, the Authority will present information concerning the clearing of trees in association with the project and proposed reforestation efforts.

The following rules will govern the Public Comment portion of tonight's Public Hearing beginning at 6:00 p.m.

- **1.** Everyone wishing to speak must register at the desk located at the entrance to the meeting room.
- **2.** Speakers will be called in the order in which they registered, except for public officials who will be given priority.
- **3.** Speakers are asked to state their full name and address, and spell their last name. All comments will be recorded by the Certified Court Reporter.
- **4.** Oral comments for public officials will be limited to 10 minutes. Oral comments for the members of the public will be limited to 5 minutes. Remaining time cannot be assigned to another speaker. There is no limit on the length of written comments.
- **5.** The Public Hearing will end when all those registered to comment have done so.

The record shall remain open for sixty (60) days after the hearing, until February 8, 2014 and any additional comments must be submitted in writing to:

Lamis T. Malak, P.E.
Hearing Officer
New Jersey Turnpike Authority
PO Box 5042
Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095

All comments will be addressed in a written Final Hearing Report, which will be issued after the close of the comment period.







The New Jersey Turnpike Authority Garden State Parkway Interchange 163 MP 162.7 to 163.7 Paramus, New Jersey Interchange Improvement Project



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Appendix D: Hearing Transcript

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MS. MALAK: Good evening and welcome. 1 2 Today, we're gathered for the public hearing of the 3 New Jersey Turnpike Authority's Garden State Parkway 4 Interchange 163 Improvement project. I am Lamis 5 Malak. I am the New Jersey Turnpike Authority's Project Manager for these improvements. 6 It is now 7 6:00 p.m., on Tuesday, December 10th, 2013. I'll be 8 the Hearing Officer for these proceedings. Thank you for participating. 9 10 This hearing is being conducted pursuant to Executive Order No. 172, and the format of this 11 12 hearing will follow its requirements. The purpose of 13 the hearing is for the Authority to receive your 14 opinions, recommendations, suggestions and comments 15 regarding the project and to review and address 16 reforestation within the project limits. 17 Tonight's agenda includes, a discussion 18 on the purpose and need of the project and a 19 description of the proposed improvements. After the 2.0 presentation, public officials and then members of 21 the public will be given the opportunity to provide 22 comments to the record as follows. It's in the 23 handout. 24 Anyone who wishes to speak should 25 register at the table located at the entrance to the

1 auditorium. Please provide all the necessary 2 information listed on the form.

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Public officials who have registered to speak will be given the opportunity to speak first.

They'll be afforded 10 minutes.

Then, members of the public who wish to speak will be given an opportunity to speak. They'll be afforded five minutes, and please keep in mind that the comment session is not intended to be a question-and-answer period.

The proceedings are being recorded by a Certified Court Reporter. When you speak, please state your name, spell your last name and state your town of residency loudly and clearly so that the court reporter can hear you.

You have the option of providing written comments using the forms located on the registration table. The written comment will be entered into the record. The Authority will accept written comments from any members of the public. Members of the public may provide written comments before February 8th, 2014, the hearing closing date.

We'll evaluate all comments received, both verbal and written and will address them by way of a hearing report that will be prepared by the

Authority. Hearing report preparation will begin
after the hearing closing date. A copy of the
hearing report will be sent to all municipalities and
counties within the project.

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The Interchange 163 Improvement project is located in Paramus, Bergen County, New Jersey.

The Authority had identified issues with this location after completing a study of the northern interchanges on the Parkway in 2008.

The issue at this location is with the left sided exits, as you could see in the picture.

The exiting traffic frequently queues into the left through lane of the Garden State Parkway causing accidents with through traffic.

These locations are, the northbound

Garden State Parkway exit to 17 north and the

southbound Garden State Parkway exit to Route 17

south. They were identified as having accident rates above both both Parkway average and the Statewide average.

The Authority performed additional concept studies in 2011, and developed a preferred alternative which is to relocate the left side exits to the right side of the Parkway. In order to achieve this, the mainline of the Parkway will be

relocated to the existing median area and the
exiting traffic will be relocated to the right by
using the footprint of the existing Parkway. This
alternative will construct most of the improvements
off line and allow the exits to remain open during
construction.

Another purpose of this public hearing is to address deforestation.

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Trees will be cleared as part of the Interchange 163 improvements.

The New Jersey Turnpike Authority is subject to the requirements of the New Jersey No Net Loss Reforestation Act and as such, is required by law to mitigate the loss of trees in excess of one acre. A reforestation plan was submitted to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection on November 15th, 2013. The deforestation is four acres.

It is the Authority's intent to mitigate for the loss of these trees through direct monetary compensation to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. The NJDEP is responsible to utilize these monies in tree planting programs within the project boundaries.

And now, Tony Fulco, the consulting

project manager for the Interchange 163 improvements, will come up and give you the details.

MR. FULCO: Thank you.

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As you could see here, this is the proposed improvements. This picture here is similar to the board we had presented here today. As Lamis stated before, we're going to be taking the existing northbound/southbound mainline improvements of the Parkway and pinching them into the existing median that's there. What that does, as Lamis stated, was allow us to use the existing northbound/southbound roadways for the exit movements, which will now become right side exits. Limits of the project are approximately 1000 feet north of Century Road and 1000 feet south of Midland Avenue.

In addition to the work that's getting done for the relocation of the exit ramps, from the left side to the right side, we're going to be improving the acceleration and deceleration lanes up to current design standards.

This picture here is just a blowup of what we were talking about, to show you a little better picture of the movement that will be happening.

As you can see here, within the project

there's going to be six new structures that will be 1 2 constructed for new mainline within the existing median and the existing four structures that are 3 4 currently existing today will be rehabilitated. 5 We'll be doing deck replacement on those structures and reducing the overall width from the three and four 6 7 lanes, that are currently out there today, to be a 8 single-lane-width ramp which will carry the exit traffic to Route 17 northbound and from the Parkway 9 to Route 17 southbound. 10 Some of the other improvements that 11 12 we're doing within the project is highway lighting. 13 The existing lighting out there today is basically 14 wood pole lights -- lights on wood poles. 15 going to be changing that to be a conventional 16 highway lighting system in addition to that. 17 Median barriers are going to be 18 replaced, upgrading median barriers from basically 19 the Century Road structure there north to the project 2.0 limits where we come into a wider median again and 21 guide rail will be placed up through the Midland 22 Avenue area of the north Parkway. 23 In addition, drainage improvements will 24 be provided for the project. We'll be providing 25 closed pipe systems, drainage ditch to improve the

drainage for the new system we have going in. On the outer limits of the project we'll have umbrella sections, drains will be picked up by ditches conveyed to stormwater management basins and treated that way before it's released into the Sprout Book.

Within the median area we'll be having a closed pipe system and we'll be conveying the water in that

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manner.

In addition, with the drainage improvements, there are going to be four detention basins within the project limits. These are required as part of the DEP permit process we have to go through. What it does, it allows us to detain the water, to reduce the amount of peak flows during storms so as not to create any additional grading. In addition, we'll be upgrading, overhead signs and cantilevers and existing structures.

As part of the issues with the project, currently there's existing PSE&G transmission electrical lines that currently cross over the Parkway. These lines are going to be in the way of the construction for the new median there and the poles need to be relocated. As part of the Advanced Utility contract, PSE&G is going to relocate these facilities underground into the southbound right

shoulder of Route 17.

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Maintenance and protection of traffic is going to be a critical issue for the project. It's a tight area here, we have existing roadways that are going to be going on here.

During the peak hours of construction,
we'll be maintaining the same number of lanes out
there today, three through lanes in each direction,
as well as maintaining the ramps during construction
during peak hours. During normal construction, there
will be construction barriers, normal traffic control
devices that we use to protect the workers and the
traveling public for that.

within the project, we have several existing structures, we have Route 17 and a couple of Parkway ramps that are going to be having structures be rehabilitated. Within these structures, we're going to be using a shielding and catching system which is basically a system that prevents any debris, objects, workers, protects anything from falling onto the traffic below when the work is getting completed.

Within the project limits also, the Turnpike has recently installed very nice signs within limits, north and south of the project and

we'll be using those to notify travelers of the public that things will be happening within the construction area.

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Here, you just see a picture, too, of what the shielding looks like that is used to protect the ongoing or the existing traffic underneath the active roadways.

Within the traffic control, like we stated before, during peak hours of operation, we're going to be maintaining the same number of lanes of traffic but the Turnpike Authority does allow for off-peak-hour lane closings that will be required for the project.

Will be required: Installation of construction
barriers; traffic shift; delivery of materials; final
milling and resurfacing; striping. These usually
happen during the nighttime hours. It's basically
taking one lane or two lanes off of the through
movement of the Parkway as required.

In addition to the off-peak-hour lane closings, we'll be requiring some detours. Detours are going to be required for both the entry and exit ramps off the Parkway and for Route 17. The main reason for the detours will be for demolition of

existing bridges, erection of new girders, and we do have to go in and mill the surface, we need to close them down so that the work can get done in a single work cycle day.

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In addition, we'll be implementing a high intensity construction cycle. This is something the Turnpike Authority has been using recently, it allows for the contractor to go in within a weekend cycle, usually from midnight on Friday until 5:00 on Monday morning, and give access to the area of the project with a little more — with additional lane closings to allow them to get specific work done. We're going to need these high intensity construction cycles to do the tie-ins, when we have the median work completed and we need to get — we need to tie the traffic into the new system.

Within the project, first thing we have gone through is the Executive Order 215, the Environmental Impact Statement. That process has gone through the requirements for the DEP and basically identified the proposed improvements that we're proposing to complete -- to progress now.

The next set of permits that are currently in to the DEP are environmental permits.

We've had an Individual Freshwater Wetlands Permit;

we have the Water Quality Certification; Individual
Flood Hazard Area Permit; and No Net Loss
Reforestation. These permits are currently in front
of the DEP for review and we're working with those
agencies to ensure all permits are secure prior to

starting construction.

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Another permit that we have, or certification, I should say, is what we're required for the project with the Bergen County Soil Conservation District, a Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Certification. This certification requires us to provide for the proper soil erosion features and management of sediment from the project during construction.

As you can see here from the project schedule, we're currently finalizing design. As you could see from here, we're looking for the project to start construction in mid-2014. During construction, we do anticipate that there's going to be night work that's going to get involved in the project here for issues with certain types of work that can't get done during the day, so there will be some construction activities that have to be done and we'll work with the town with those issues, with those construction tasks that have to get completed.

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                 MS. MALAK: It is now 7:00 p.m.
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   hearing is now closed. The hearing report will be
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   prepared by the Authority and will be available for
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   the public.
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I thank everyone for attending.
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I, JOANNE M. OPPERMANN, a Certified

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