

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

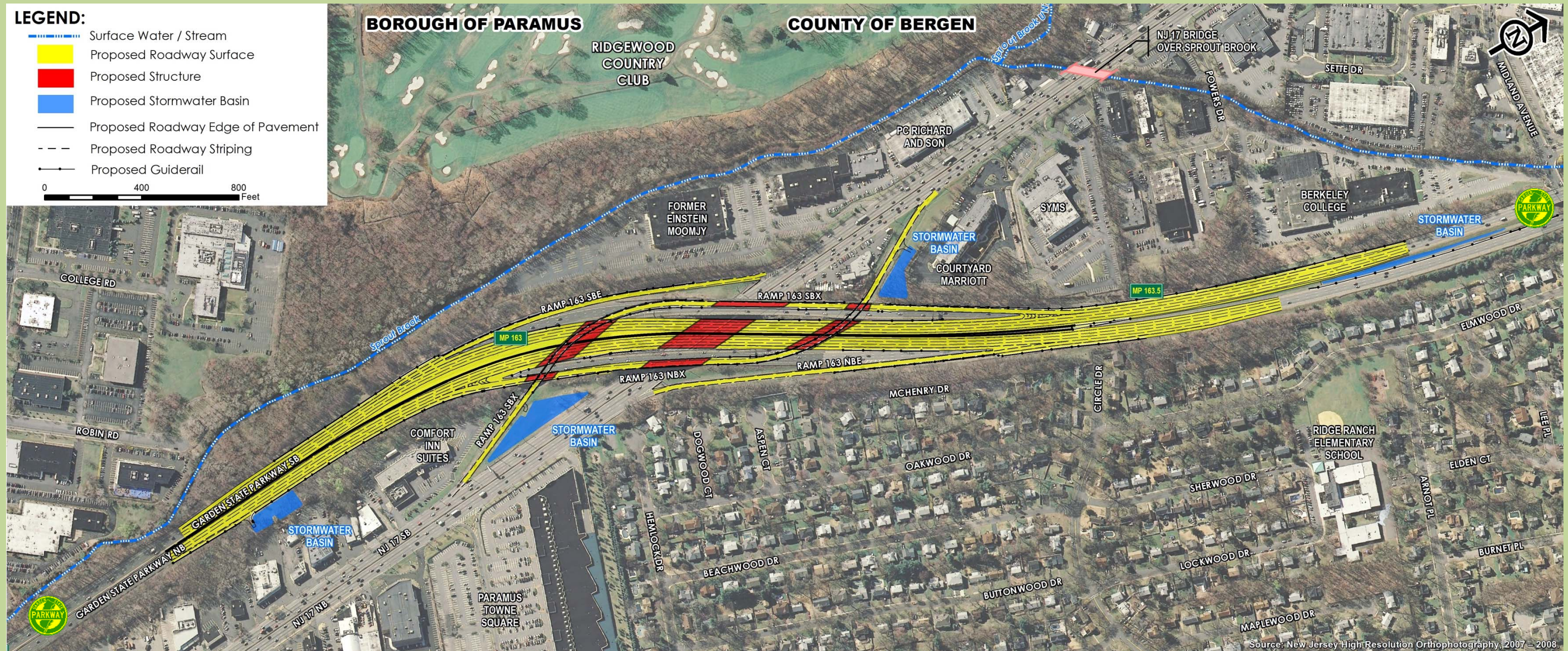
Public Hearing Agenda:

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



For more information: <http://www.state.nj.us/turnpike>





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



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.

