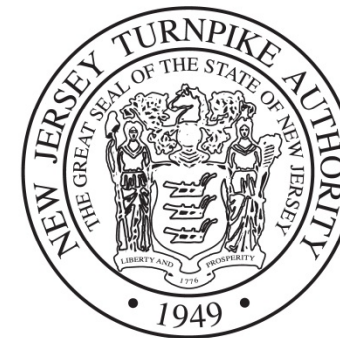
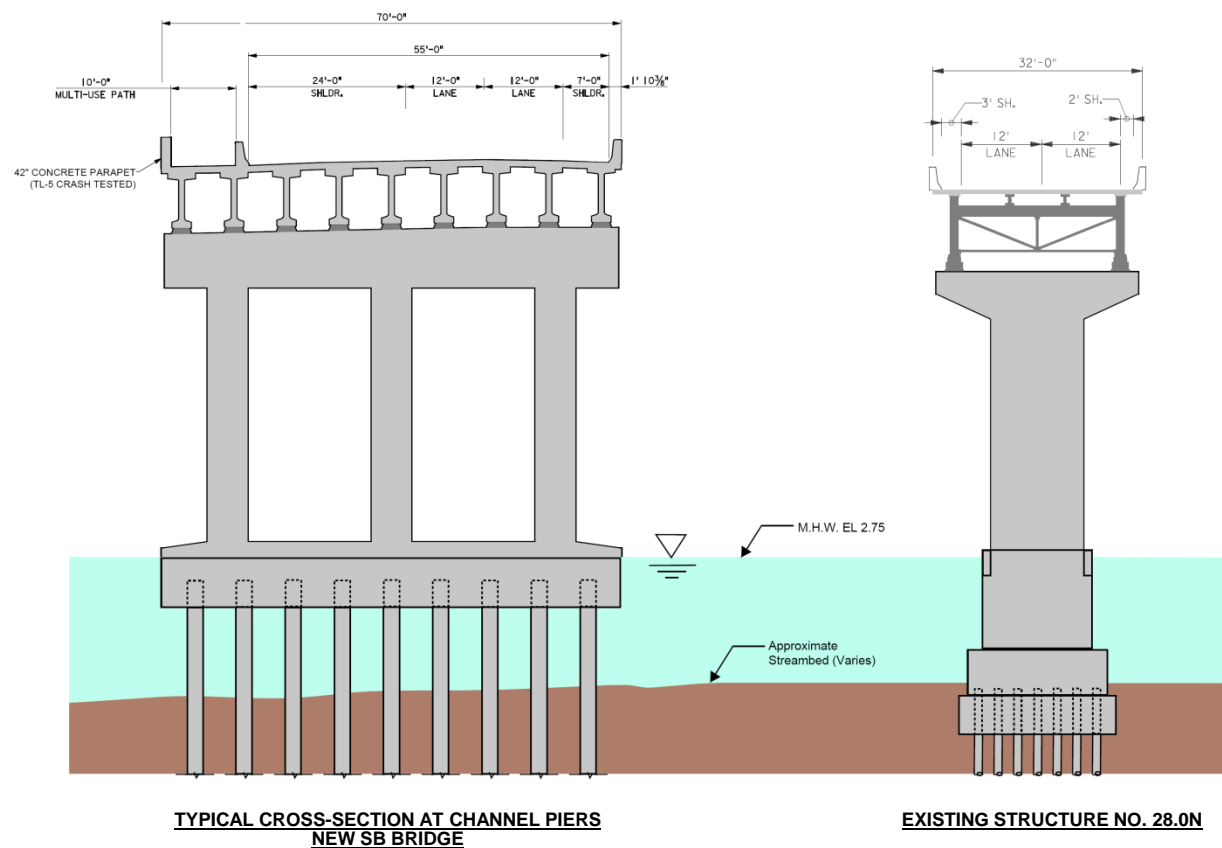


Final Configuration (Looking North)



New Jersey Turnpike Authority

Contract No. P100.251, Replacement of Southbound Garden State Parkway Bridges over the Great Egg Harbor Bay and Drag Channel



Public Hearing

Township of Upper – Municipal Hall
September 20, 2012, 3PM to 6PM

Agenda

- Introduction/Purpose & Need
- Description of Project
- Public Comments
- Conclusion

- Elizabeth Trimpin P.E., NJTA
- Glen Schetelich P.E., H&H
- Open Discussion
- Elizabeth Trimpin, NJTA

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The Following Rules will govern the public comment portion of the Public Hearing:

1. Register at the desk to speak.
2. Speakers are called in order of registration.
3. When speaking, state your full name and address and spell your last name so that the recorder can document your name and oral comments.
4. There is a maximum of 5 minutes per speaker due to time restrictions. Written comments are encouraged and have no limits.
5. The Public Comment Agenda item will end when all of the registered speakers have had an opportunity to provide comments.
6. The record shall remain open for sixty (60) days after this hearing. Any additional oral and written comments must be submitted to:

Elizabeth Trimpin, P.E., Structures Engineer
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A Final Hearing Report will address all comments and will be issued after the hearing.

Introduction to Project and Need

The project proposes to eliminate structural deficiencies, address substandard geometry, and maintain the existing coastal evacuation capabilities of the structures carrying the GSP Southbound over the Great Egg Harbor Bay and Drag Channel. The overall condition of the existing Southbound Garden State Parkway structures over the Great Egg Harbor Bay and Drag Channel are poor and they exhibit structural deterioration as a result of being near the end of their useful service life. These structures have required a continual investment in annual maintenance repairs. The bridges are functionally obsolete and do not meet current design standards. Continuing normal maintenance repairs will maintain the structures and sustain them for the remaining portion of their useful service life. However, replacement of the existing structures is ultimately needed to eliminate structural deficiencies and to provide a highway that is compliant with current design and operational standards. Any impacts associated with the new roadway and multi-use path, temporary trestles and associated construction staging areas will be addressed as required by applicable regulations pursuant

to N.J.S.A. 13:12-14.2. This project will also impact over one acre of forested area and as such this Public Hearing is being held in compliance with N.J.S.A. 13:1L-14.4. At the completion of the project a net increase of reforestation will be achieved through proposed on-site mitigation.

The proposed project includes the replacement of the Garden State Parkway Southbound Great Egg Harbor Bay and Drag Channel Bridges (Structure Nos. 28.0S and 28.5S) and approaches from milepost 27.0 to 28.8, which includes the construction of an integral multi-use path that connects the City of Somers Point with the Township of Upper. Work also includes demolition of the existing Garden State Parkway Southbound structures, demolition of Route 9 Beesley's Point Bridges, and rehabilitation of the New Road (Route 9) Bridge (Structure No. 28.9) over the Garden State Parkway.

Key Benefits

- Replaces the southbound GSP bridges over Great Egg Harbor Bay and Drag Channel.
- Creates a multi-use path that connects the City of Somer's Point and the Township of Upper
- Minimizes impacts to environment and wildlife.
- Provides fishing areas on the new Drag Channel Bridge
- Creates a parking area for use of the multi-use path and fishing locations.



Schedule and Costs

The contract is scheduled to be awarded at the Authority's January 2013 Commission Meeting, with construction starting in March 2013. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2016.

The estimated construction cost for the project is between \$ 200 million and \$210 million.

