Public Hearing Report GARDEN STATE PARKWAY INTERCHANGE 109 IMPROVEMENTS MP 109.8 TO MP 110.4



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1. Introduction

On Wednesday, January 24, 2018, a Public Information Center (PIC) and Public Hearing was held by the New Jersey Turnpike Authority (NJTA) for the Garden State Parkway (GSP) Interchange 109 Improvements project located in Middletown Township, Monmouth County. The Public Hearing was held pursuant to the New Jersey Executive Order 172 (EO 172). The PIC and Public Hearing was held at the Middletown Township Public Library, 55 New Monmouth Road, Middletown, New Jersey, 07748.

2. Public Information Center and Public Hearing Summary

Project team members in attendance included representatives from the NJTA and the consultant team, including Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. (Stantec) and Sam Schwartz Transportation Consultants. A total of sixty-three (63) people were in attendance throughout the course of the evening, including the project team and other members of the NJTA. The signed registration sheets are included in Appendix D.

The PIC was an open house format meeting held from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm where attendees could review the project displays which included plans showing the existing conditions and proposed improvements at GSP Interchange 109. A handout summarizing the project was available at the registration table for all attendees and is included in Appendix E. Project team members were available during the PIC to answer questions and discuss comments and concerns raised by the attendees.



Attendees were given the opportunity to register for oral testimony during the official Public Hearing and/or fill out comment sheets. The official Public Hearing began at 6:30 pm. It consisted of a presentation by the NJTA and their consultant Stantec, followed by oral comments from the public. Seven (7) members of the public provided oral comments at the official Public Hearing. The signed Public Hearing speaker registration sheets are also included in Appendix D.

Formal responses to oral comments received at the official Public Hearing and written comments received during the comment period ending February 8, 2018 are included in Sections 6 and 7 below. A transcript of the Public Hearing can be found in Appendix F.





3. Project Overview

Garden State Parkway (GSP) Interchange 109 is located along the GSP between Milepost 109.5 and Milepost 110.5 in Middletown Township, Monmouth County and is a full interchange with the GSP Northbound (NB) and Southbound (SB) local (outer) roadways and Newman Springs Road (County Route 520).

Currently, the GSP NB exit ramp merges with the Newman Springs Road (County Route 520) Eastbound (EB) jughandle which provides for u-turning traffic destined for the GSP NB entrance and left turning traffic destined for Half Mile Road NB. This merge of the EB jughandle and the NB exit ramp creates a weave between jughandle traffic and exit ramp traffic wanting to go northbound on Half Mile Road or westbound on Newman Springs Road (County Route 520). Vehicular conflicts are increased which results in crashes, congestion and backups on both the GSP NB and Newman Springs Road (County Route 520). These issues result in operational and safety concerns on the GSP, Newman Springs Road (County Route 520) and Half Mile Road.

The primary issues that will be addressed are:

- Elimination of vehicular traffic queues that currently extend onto the GSP NB local (outer) roadway from the GSP NB exit ramp, resulting in a safety hazard along the GSP itself when vehicular traffic queues (i.e., stopped or slow-moving traffic) extend onto the GSP travel lanes;
- Improving the flow of traffic destined to/from the GSP by eliminating the merge/weave condition at the jughandle.

The proposed interchange improvements include the following significant features:

- Separation of the Newman Springs Road (County Route 520) EB to GSP NB entrance ramp movement from the GSP NB exit ramp traffic by constructing a new entrance loop ramp and bridge over Newman Springs Road (County Route 520) east of the existing GSP bridges;
- Signalization of the Newman Springs Road (County Route 520) intersection with Schulz Drive West which will include the relocation of the GSP NB exit left turn to Newman Springs Road (County Route 520) WB to this intersection;
- Reconfiguration of the Newman Springs Road (County Route 520) intersection with Half Mile Road to accommodate the Newman Springs Road (County Route 520) EB left turn to Half Mile Road NB movement;
- Conversion of the Half Mile Road SB left lane at Newman Springs Road (County Route 520) from a shared right/left to a left turn only lane;
- Minor widening of Schulz Drive West between Newman Springs Road (County Route 520) and the GSP NB entrance ramp from Schulz Drive West to provide for a SB right turn onto Newman Springs Road (County Route 520) WB.
- Various signal timing, phasing, and coordination improvements to mitigate vehicular queuing within the project limits.





4. Notice of Public Hearing

• Legal Notice

Public notice for the Public Hearing was published in the *Asbury Park Press* and the *Two River Times* on January 4, 2018 and the *Star Ledger* on January 5, 2018. The written notice of the public hearing sent to the three publications can be found in Appendix A and affidavits of publication are included in Appendix B.

• Letters to Public Officials and Interested Parties

Invitation letters to local and county public officials and interested parties were sent providing notice of the PIC and Public Hearing (Appendix C) which included a copy of the Hearing Handout. A copy of the Public Hearing Handout can be found in Appendix E.

5. Public Hearing

The official Public Hearing was held from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at the Middletown Township Public Library, 55 New Monmouth Road, Middletown, New Jersey, 07748.

The official Public Hearing began at 6:30 pm with a formal presentation by the NJTA and Stantec, after which the public was given the opportunity to provide oral comments. The Public Hearing was closed at 8:00 pm. The presentation and public comments were recorded by a Certified Court Reporter. A copy of the Public Hearing transcript is included in Appendix F and a copy of the presentation is included in Appendix G.





6. Public Hearing Oral Comments and Responses

Public Comment #1:

Douglas Tomchuk

MR. TOMCHUK: "Douglas Tomchuk T-O-M-C-H-U-K, 39 Parkway Place. Well, we have seen the previous version of this plan and there was a lot on that one that we had concerns with so I am very pleased that we ran out of money for these projects because it made us do a lot better project. This project seems to, from having about a half hour to look at the materials, seems to be a lot more logical and it seems to alleviate some of the problems that have been experienced without interference to the community too badly. I want to go on the record saying that the previous project that was planned had some serious design flaws and I hope that that doesn't ever come back. So, I just want to make sure that -- I think that - I live in Parkway Place and access to Parkway Place is very difficult on a county road that is very difficult to access. So, any concerns during the construction project, you know, being able to get out of our road during the commuting hours particularly, I hope that they will be taken as well."

RESPONSE: Parkway Place is beyond the limits of construction for the project and access to/from Parkway Place will not be directly impacted during construction.

MR. TOMCHUK: "I had a question about why the two-way traffic, the southbound traffic on Schulz Drive west, I don't know how that, is that a fundamental part of alleviating part of this or that was a new part of the design?

RESPONSE: The Schulz Drive West extension to Newman Springs Road (County Route 520) was added for an alternate access to Newman Springs Road (County Route 520) westbound, reducing the volume of right turns from Half Mile Road southbound to Newman Springs Road (County Route 520) westbound.

MR. TOMCHUK: "Okay, now, overall I don't have any real concerns about the plan but I haven't really thought about it for more than a half hour. I urge next time you have a public meeting to put the materials online at least a day before, thank you."

<u>RESPONSE:</u> The recommendation for posting online materials has been noted.



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Public Comment #2: Erin Dorrian

MS. DORRIAN: I'm going to pass.

Public Comment #3:

Kathy Codybjelka

MS. CODYBJELKA: "Kathy Codybjelka C-O-D-Y-B-J-E-L-K-A. After speaking with everybody, I do like the design that you have come up with. I think it is going to definitely alleviate some of the problems that have existed. My concern is on the second phase, where you would be widening the Parkway bridges overpass, Newman Springs Road, the widening to me, that ripens further -- Newman Springs Road to be widened, that's my major concern. I know you have no say of Newman Springs Road being widened but you do have a say about the Parkway bridges being widened, so it makes me question. Just out of curiosity, what is the distance between the two lights, between Half Mile and Schulz."

RESPONSE: The distance between the new signalized intersection at Schulz Drive West and the existing signalized intersection at Half Mile Road is approximately 500'.

MS. CODYBJELKA: "I'm just curious. And I know it's going to help with the traffic will come, the parking, I would imagine that's why that's there, for Schulz Drive to be opened up. Is that going to be opened up for the public to utilize all the time or just for the businesses and the parking for the commuters?"

RESPONSE AT PUBLIC HEARING: It's a municipal road so we have no say.

ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION: The Schulz Drive West extension to Newman Springs Road (County Route 520) will be operational at all times and will be open for all vehicles.

MS. CODYBJELKA: "But the purpose of it -- I guess you had to put the light there to, but the distance of the light is kind of a concern to me anyway. As long as they run in sync it will be fine, but if they don't, the fact that the traffic that happens there, I just want to go on record, is because of Red Bank traffic going east, it's really not much traffic going west. You have a little bit of Brookdale but that's been alleviated since you put the new exit up in Tinton Falls. That helped and some of the kids are utilizing Route 18 and Swimming River Road.

RESPONSE: The Newman Springs Road (County Route 520) signalized intersections with Schulz Drive West and Half Mile Road will be interconnected and the traffic signal operations will be synchronized.





MS. CODYBJELKA: "So, the main concern is I just wanted to go on record saying the widening, I'm against the widening anything past that Parkway bridge is down into the town of Lincroft. I feel it's unnecessary and it poses a danger if Newman Springs Road is widened past into the residential areas."

RESPONSE: Newman Springs Road (County Route 520) is under the jurisdiction of Monmouth County. Newman Springs Road (County Route 520), west of the Parkway bridges, is outside the limits of this project.





Public Comment #4:

Susan Dzugan

MS. DZUGAN: "Good evening, it's D-Z-U-G-A-N. So, my comment is, and forgive me because I am directionally challenged but, if I'm traveling eastbound on Newman Springs Road, the way I used to get on the Parkway to go south was I did that jughandle, made a left, and get on south. I don't see how I could get on south now pulling out of, going -- I'm coming from the residential area that needs to make a right onto Newman Springs Road and then get to the Parkway south.

RESPONSE AT PUBLIC HEARING: "Coming from which direction on Newman Springs Road?"

MS. DZUGAN: "I'm going eastbound on Newman Springs Road."

RESPONSE AT PUBLIC HEARING: "Going eastbound, the same way you do now."

MS. DZUGAN: "So, I used to do the jughandle and make a left. Oh wait, that's right, that's why I got directionally challenge. So, thank you, that's what I was getting a little nervous about, as I was looking at it with all the new turns, I couldn't remember how I got south."

ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION: Access from Newman Springs Road (County Route 520) Eastbound, west of the Garden State Parkway, to the Garden State Parkway southbound entrance ramp will be unchanged from the existing operation.





Public Comment #5:

Mel Elmiger

MS. ELMIGER: "Hi, thank you for having this hearing. Melanie Elmiger, E-L-M-I-G-E-R. I have two questions. One is, the left-hand turn that is new that you would be making a left-hand turn onto Half Mile Road, there's this little black scribble at the traffic light that would access Schulz Drive west, does that indicate some concrete hardscape? How do you prevent people that are getting off the Parkway and now people that want to make a left-hand turn onto Half Mile Road, now they're queued up and they're backing up and backing up and they're like, can I get through this light? Yeah, I could get through it and then all of a sudden they're blocking all the people that want to exit the Parkway. Like, is there some hard, concrete structure there that doesn't allow them to access that left-turn lane until they actually get through the intersection? Well, I would think that they would have taken the traffic count of people that went through the jughandle and went over the Half Mile Road, and they're taking that number, and they're queueing it up to that left-hand turn lane. Are those numbers equal? Could that handle the number of people that would normally have to get over there to avoid a conflict into the intersection?"

RESPONSE AT PUBLIC HEARING: The proposal is not to put any hardscape in Newman Springs Road (County Route 520). It will be striped. Now, the signals should be synchronized so that traffic shouldn't back up beyond into the intersection, but I understand your concern. Your concern is that if traffic is backed up, whether it is the left turn or even the through lanes, if they back up, they can back up and block the signal at Schulz Drive.

ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION: The line shown on the plan indicates proposed traffic striping. There is no proposed concrete median or concrete island on Newman Springs Road (County Route 520) between the new signalized intersection at Schulz Drive West and the existing signalized intersection at Half Mile Road.

The traffic simulation models include traffic volumes projected to the 2029 design year, and the simulations show that queue backups in the 2029 design year would generally be contained within the left-turn lane. This implies that from the completion of construction through the 2029 design year, left turning traffic would generally be contained within the left turn lane. Traffic signal timings will be adjusted as necessary after construction to minimize queue lengths.

MS. ELMIGER: "And my second question is, where will they be storing the construction vehicles during construction especially since now they're indicating that there could be some water back up





in the two areas that they'd normally, I've seen them store trucks before for other projects. Like, where would they be parked because they usually leave them parked?"

RESPONSE AT PUBLIC HEARING: Well, the Turnpike does have some residual space in the infield areas of the ramps. Also, even on the other side of the Parkway as well, on the southbound side. The stormwater management facilities don't need to be opened on day one and even though they're showing as blue, they are not going to be filled with water all the time, only as needed. So, he will be able to store his equipment in those areas while the construction is going on.

ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION: The existing infield areas of the Interchange 109 ramps will be available for use by the Contractor. Use of the existing park-and-ride lots as construction storage areas will be restricted at all times. The Contractor may engage and enter into agreements with local property owners if additional space is required.

MS. ELMIGER: "Yeah, so when you're coming off the Parkway to make this choice, because now I have three choices to make, how far back are the signs going to be that says you want to go west, you want to go east or you want to go Half Mile? Say here, here, here? It's kind of like when you come over the Driscoll Bridge and you're like, is it Route 9, 287? Like, how far back are they going to have a sign that says you have to make a choice and you better make it quick because you have three choices because that's a really short distance to try to decide where you're going.

RESPONSE AT PUBLIC HEARING: "Well, there will be a sign where it splits apart."

MS. ELMIGER: "Too late, too late, we need it back there. Are they going to warn you like further down? Because normally they split these."

<u>RESPONSE AT PUBLIC HEARING:</u> "There's going to be an overhead sign."

MS. ELMIGER: "Says make your choice, one, two or three?"

RESPONSE AT PUBLIC HEARING: "Yes."

ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION: An overhead sign structure will be provided on the exit ramp in advance of the split. The overhead sign will identify Lincroft and Red Bank with directional arrows. A similar supplemental ground mounted sign will be provided at the split.





Public Comment #6:

Bill Faust

MR. FAUST: "Bill Faust, F-A-U-S-T, 31 Pine Street in Lincroft. I just have a couple of observations. Currently, there are two, if I'm going south on Half Mile Road and wish to go west on Newman Springs Road, there are two turn lanes, I think you have to label that. There's only, shows one on this picture so I'm wondering if there could be backups on Half Mile Road as a result of the changes you're proposing there."

<u>RESPONSE</u>: While Half Mile Road will have one southbound right-turn lane instead of a second shared right/left-turn lane, the southbound right turn is projected to operate with less delay than today for the following reasons:

- With the new intersection configuration and traffic signal phasing, there would be significant increase in green time for the southbound right turn.
- The Half Mile Road southbound right-turn volume will be reduced due to the addition of a new southbound right-turn movement from southbound Schulz Drive West onto Newman Springs Road (County Route 520) West as part of the proposed improvements.
- Right turns on red would continue to be permitted from the Half Mile Road southbound right-turn lane.

MR. FAUST: "And the second one is going east on Newman Springs Road in which, get on the Schulz Drive west, I guess I'd have to turn left onto Half Mile Road, and then turn left again on the connector road, where today I can go through the jughandle and then just take the exit westbound to get in the Schulz direction. So that will no longer be possible."

RESPONSE: The Connector Road is a one-way street in the eastbound direction (towards Half Mile Road). A left turn from Half Mile Road northbound to the Connector Road is not permitted, so traffic would continue north on Half Mile Road to Schulz Drive and turn left to access the business park and park-and-ride facilities on Schulz Drive West.





Public Comment #7:

Jacqueline Carboy

MS. CARBOY: "Thank you for waiting. Jacqueline Carboy, C-A-R-B-O-Y and I live at 118 Leedsville Drive in Lincroft. And every Monday for 16 years I get on Parkway south from Newman Springs Road and when you come through the center of Lincroft, the light is always red when the people are exiting the Parkway, and you have about a little half block to do to get on the Parkway south, but you have to wait. Is there any way that there could be a lane that would allow you to proceed if you're going on to south off of Newman Springs Road? It's a very -- a red light you never make it into the center of Lincroft and then it's red. That's my suggestion."

RESPONSE: The existing deceleration lane for the GSP SB entrance ramp cannot be lengthened through the adjacent signalized intersection of the GSP SB exit ramp/ driveway and Newman Springs Road (County Route 520). Even if lengthening the deceleration lane were possible, traffic wanting to go to the GSP SB entrance ramp would still be controlled by the Newman Springs Road (County Route 520) traffic signal and would have to stop when the light is red.





Public Comment #8: Ellen Vetromile

MS. VETROMILE: "Ellen Vetromile V-E-T-R-O-M-I-L-E. I'm a little confused about how we're going to get into this commuter parking lot off of Newman Springs Road east."

RESPONSE AT PUBLIC HEARING: If you're coming along Newman Springs Road (County Route 520) eastbound and you want to go into the commuter parking lots, you would make a left on Half Mile Road and then travel two blocks up to the signal at Schulz Drive and make a left there, and then come down Schulz Drive into the commuter parking lots.

MS. VETROMILE: "Okay, and that left hand turning lane, you're feeling fairly confident that it won't block up? How about taking that left-hand turn to go on Half Mile West at 9:00 in the morning?"

RESPONSE AT PUBLIC HEARING: So now, the question is, are we concerned that that left turn lane will back up while all the vehicles -- so we did a traffic study -- well, first of all, the traffic going to the commuter lots is early in the morning so, it's not during the peak hour when the rest of the traffic is heavy in the area because the commuter lots are full by 7 in the morning. So, that's good news is that there's not a lot of traffic on the road when everybody is entering the commuter lots.

ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION: The traffic simulation models include traffic volumes projected to the 2029 design year for the peak AM period (7:30 am – 8:30 am). The simulations show that 2029 design year queue backups would generally be contained within the left-turn lane. This implies that from the completion of construction up to the 2029 design year, left turning traffic would generally be contained within the left turn lane. Traffic signal timings will be adjusted as necessary after construction to minimize queue lengths.

MS. VETROMILE: One more question, how do we get out of the commuter lot?

RESPONSE AT PUBLIC HEARING: Actually, you have more opportunities to get out of the commuter lot with this improvement now because when you were coming out of the commuter lot, and you wanted to go to Newman Springs Road (County Route 520) westbound, you would have to go north to Schulz Drive to the connector road, down to the intersection at Half Mile Road at Newman Springs Road (County Route 520). Now, when you come out of the commuter lot, you can go to Schulz Drive south and make a quick right onto Newman Springs Road (County Route 520) westbound. So, we actually are providing more opportunities to exit the commuter lots in the evening.





Public Comment #8:

Douglas Tomchuk

MR. TOMCHUK: "I was just curious, is there an opportunity -- Doug Tomchuk, Parkway Place. Will this be evaluated at some time in the future to make sure it is working as planned?"

RESPONSE AT PUBLIC HEARING: At this point in time, there's no set timeframe. I mean, opening day, we plan to see an improvement in the operating service and we've designed for ten years out. So, we've looked at ten years out and it continues to operate from a planning perspective, things look like they will continue to operate more favorably than it does existing, but we'll have to re-evaluate sometime in the future to see how things work out.





7. Written Comments and Responses

Blank comment forms were available to provide written comments. The comment period was open until February 8, 2018. Copies of the original written comments are included in Appendix H. The written comments and responses are provided below.

Written Comment #1: Gregory Szumowski

"Can I be e-mailed a copy of the presentation, I had to leave early? Thank you."

RESPONSE: A copy of the presentation can be found in Appendix G of the Public Hearing Report. The Public Hearing Report will be available at the Office of the Middletown Township Clerk.

Written Comment #2: Susan and Kevin Noone

"I am glad you cut this project down to a more reasonable level."

<u>RESPONSE:</u> No response required.





<u>Written Comment #3:</u> Charles Gross

"Elevated parking garages should be built – 5 stories high such as the MetroPark (Edison) parking garages.

From the animated demonstration the new plan does not appear to improve traffic flow; apparently because the main goal was to reduce traffic on the northbound Parkway exit.

The 5:15 animation does not seem accurate. Traffic now backs up beyond the bridge over the Navesink."

RESPONSE: Parking garages are outside the scope of the Interchange 109 Improvements project.

The Project is intended to improve the safety and operations of Interchange 109 by reducing vehicular traffic queues that currently extend onto the Garden State Parkway (GSP) northbound (NB) local (outer) roadway from the GSP NB exit ramp which presents a safety hazard along the GSP when vehicular traffic queues (i.e., stopped or slow-moving traffic) extend onto the GSP travel lanes. The Project will also improve the flow of traffic destined to/from the GSP by eliminating the merge/weave condition between jughandle traffic from EB Newman Springs Road (County Route 520) and GSP NB exiting traffic. This merge of the EB jughandle and the NB exit ramp creates a weave between jughandle traffic and exit ramp traffic wanting to go northbound on Half Mile Road or westbound on Newman Springs Road (County Route 520). Vehicular conflicts are increased which results in crashes, congestion and backups on both the GSP NB and Newman Springs Road (County Route 520).

The traffic simulation study area limits terminate approximately 250 feet east of Schulz Drive East and therefore does not include a view of the bridge over the Navesink River (between Parkway Place and Hance Avenue). However, the PM peak hour simulation does show significant traffic queues that extend along Newman Springs Road (County Route 520) westbound beyond the simulation study area limit and are consistent with the commenter's observations.





Written Comment #4: Gloria Gross

"I think the potential stormwater management area should become rain gardens – for multiple reasons – to improve the environment and make the area more attractive. Master gardeners from Monmouth County would be willing to volunteer to work on the project – Rutgers M.G. or Monmouth Co."

RESPONSE: The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMP) Manual includes numerous stormwater management systems to meet the recharge, water quality treatment, and peak flow/quantity reduction requirements of the Stormwater Management (SWM) Rules at N.J.A.C. 7:8. Though Chapter 9 of the BMP Manual does not include 'rain gardens', it does include bioretention systems, which are similar to rain gardens. However, the conversion of the designed detention basins to rain garden-type systems would require significant grading revisions to the basins and adjacent roadway, with reduction in stormwater storage volumes. These revisions to accommodate a rain garden would likely result in water quality treatment and peak flow reduction levels that would not conform to the requirements of the SWM Rules. It is also uncertain if rain garden-type systems would be feasible at this location given the site constraints, particularly maintaining the minimum required separation between the basin bottoms and seasonal high groundwater.

The stormwater management area is proposed as a grassed area for ease of access and maintenance by NJTA personnel. Additionally, the NJTA will not allow outside entities of a volunteer nature to perform work within the NJTA's right-of-way.





<u>Written Comment #5:</u> Lincroft Village Green Association, Inc. Letter received February 7, 2018

"Directors and members of our organization attended the January 24, 2018 Public Hearing regarding the revised Garden State Parkway Interchange 109 Improvements plan. After examining the plans, hearing the description of improvements, and listening to public comments, there remain some unaddressed issues with this project as proposed.

The LVGA is an organization with a nearly twenty-year commitment to addressing traffic and safety issues in the village of Lincroft and surrounding areas. We applaud the improvements of both the new Route 520 East entrance to the GSP NB and the elimination of the vehicle conflicts on the existing jughandle at the GSP NB exit ramp. However, we hope that the New Jersey Turnpike Authority will consider our concerns regarding the improvement plan and incorporate our suggestions to mitigate the negative impact of this project and ensure public safety.

Our specific concerns regarding this project are primarily related to both its impact on traffic conditions on Route 520 and its potential creation of vehicle and pedestrian safety hazards in the Schultz Drive West and Academy bus lot areas. The following list describes issues that require examination before the improvement plan is finalized:

1. EVALUATE THE TIMING OF LIGHTS ON ROUTE 520 TO MAXIMIZE TRAFFIC FLOW

The addition of a new traffic signal at Schulz Drive West increases the number of lights on Route 520 between the GSP SB Toll Plaza and Phoenix Drive (a distance of 2,250 feet) from three lights to four lights. A study of the timing and synchronization of the lights should be considered within two months following the project completion.

RESPONSE: The new traffic signal has been designed to be coordinated with existing traffic signals along the corridor and the timing and progression of traffic on Newman Springs Road has been considered in the Authority's proposed improvements. As part of the acceptance of the new signal, Monmouth County will confirm that the proposed signal timings are implemented and optimized for actual post-construction conditions.

2. EXAMINE TRAFFIC QUEUE BACKUPS

a. The new left turn lane from Route 520 East into Half Mile Road will be the only eastbound access to the Academy bus stop lots and Half Mile Road. A backup in the left turn lane could result due to the volume of cars and buses. This could cause the Route 520 East traffic to back up and be reduced to one lane.

RESPONSE: The traffic simulation models include traffic volumes projected to the 2029 design year, and the simulations show that vehicular queue backups in the 2029 design year would generally be contained within the left-turn lane. This implies that from the completion of construction through the 2029 design year, left turning traffic would generally be contained within the left turn lane. Traffic signal timings will be adjusted as





necessary after construction to minimize queue lengths.

b. During commuting hours, the Garden State Parkway South Exit 109 is currently backed up in the double left turn lanes moving onto Route 520 East. With the potential backup accessing Half Mile Road, will the traffic back up onto the Garden State Parkway South Exit 109 ramp before the toll? There is a potential cause and effect where by fixing the GSP NB exit ramp flow you could cause a problem on the GSP SB exit ramp flow.

RESPONSE: The traffic analysis results show that operations along Newman Springs Road (County Route 520) East will remain the same or improve slightly as a result of the proposed improvements; therefore, no increase to vehicular queues along the GSP Southbound Exit 109 Ramp is anticipated.

c. With the removal of the second right turn lane from Half Mile Road to Route 520 West, traffic might back up on Half Mile Road causing congestion. Will vehicles turn into Schulz Drive West at the light north of the intersection when there is no sign to indicate that route is open? Will vehicles cut through the parking lot of 230 Half Mile Road which has an east and west entrance/exit? This traffic flow, signage, and lot access should be examined.

<u>RESPONSE:</u> Regular commuters will identify the alternate route to access Route 520 West via Schulz Drive West and adjust their driving patterns accordingly. Additional destination signage will not be provided on Half Mile Road.

While Half Mile Road will have one southbound right-turn lane instead of a second shared right/left-turn lane, the southbound right turn is projected to operate with less delay than today for the following reasons:

- With the new intersection configuration and traffic signal phasing, there would be significant increase in green time for the southbound right turn.
- The Half Mile Road southbound right-turn volume will be reduced due to the addition of a new southbound right-turn movement from southbound Schulz Drive West onto Newman Springs Road (County Route 520) West as part of the proposed improvements.
- Right turns on red would continue to be permitted from the Half Mile Road southbound right-turn lane to Newman Springs Road (County Route 520) West.

3. MINIMIZE DRIVER CONFUSION AND PREVENT NEIGHBORHOOD TURNAROUNDS

To avoid neighborhood turnarounds when drivers navigate the GSP NB Exit 109 off ramp incorrectly:

a. For cars mistakenly taking the Route 520 West left turn when exiting GSP NB Exit 109, add a new U-Turn sign at Woodland Drive to direct vehicles to return eastbound through the Exit 109 Southbound exit (after toll). This could prevent neighborhood turnarounds on local Lincroft roads adjacent to Route 520 such as Woodland Drive, Neville Drive, Parkview Terrace, etc.





RESPONSE: Woodland Drive is under the jurisdiction of Middletown Township. Access to the GSP SB Exit ramp indicated by the commenter would be through a driveway used by commuters exiting the commuter lot at this location and cannot be signed as part of an "official" U-turn.

b. Provide appropriate signage before exiting the GSP North Exit 109, not just when the road splits after exiting, so that the appropriate west, straight or east ramp is selected by drivers.

RESPONSE: An overhead sign structure will be constructed as a part of these improvements on the exit ramp in advance of the split. The overhead sign will identify Lincroft and Red Bank with directional arrows. A similar supplemental ground mounted sign will be provided at the split.

4. EXAMINE THE IMPACT OF THE BUS STOP REMOVAL ON ROUTE 520 EAST

Where will the NJ Transit bus for bus route 838 deliver passengers since the current bus stop at Half Mile Road and Route 520 East will be removed for the widening of Route 520 East? Will Middletown designate a new bus stop location so that NJ Transit bus passengers can safely access the Academy bus stop? The route, bus stop location, and schedule time of each bus servicing the area should be examined to determine if there is any effect on traffic flow.

RESPONSE: The current stop on Newman Springs Road (County Route 520) and Half Mile Road is considered a "courtesy stop" and not an official stop by NJ Transit. The "courtesy stop" will remain and NJ Transit has agreed that replacement of the existing bus pull-off is not required for the proposed configuration. The bus will stop in the proposed 15-foot wide Newman Springs Road (County Route 520) Eastbound right lane.

5. SCHULZ DRIVE WEST: PARKING CAPACITY, ACCIDENT RISKS AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ISSUES

a. There is a shortage of commuter parking spaces at the Academy bus site. On weekdays, when both the main and overflow lots are filled, cars park on both sides of Schultz Drive West. Parking should be prohibited or limited and 25 mph speed limit signs posted. The bend on the north end of the road is a dangerous turn when cars are parked on both sides of the road.

RESPONSE: Schulz Drive West is under the jurisdiction of Middletown Township and the area referenced is outside the limits of the Interchange 109 Improvements project. Any changes to the existing on-street parking and speed limits would need to be initiated, approved and implemented by Middletown Township.

b. Pedestrians will be crossing between the main commuter lot and the overflow lot. A prominent crosswalk and speed reduction measures should be put in place as Schulz Drive West becomes a more heavily traveled road. As cars exit GSP North Exit 109 and cross over Route 520, they could be traveling at a high speed on a green traffic light, and they would encounter a pedestrian crosswalk only 275 feet from the traffic light. Lights, signs, and any reflective markings to warn drivers of the crossing should be added for the safety of pedestrians.





RESPONSE: New pedestrian crossing signs along each approach and crosswalk striping will be provided at the Schulz Drive West location.

c. Drivers are allowed to cut through the parking lot at 230 Half Mile Road to travel between Shultz Drive West on the west side and Half Mile Road on the east side. This causes a pedestrian and vehicle safety issue. Consider the addition of signs warning that only tenants and visitors are allowed to enter or change the driveway access to prevent this cut-through travel.

RESPONSE: The parking lot at 230 Half Mile Road is private property and is outside the limits of the Interchange 109 Improvements project. Any changes to the existing parking lot access would need to be initiated and constructed by the property owner with review and approval by Middletown Township.

d. Improve the road markings, add a Yield sign for the left turn at the intersection of Schulz Drive West and Connector Road, and remove raised concrete barriers at that same intersection.

RESPONSE: The northbound leg at Schulz Drive West and the Connector Road is under STOP sign control. Therefore, a YIELD sign for the Schulz Drive West southbound left turn movement is not required. The intersection of Schulz Drive West and Connector Road is under the jurisdiction of Middletown Township and is outside the limits of the Interchange 109 Improvements project. Requests for improvements would need to be made through Middletown Township.

e. Widen or re-design the shoulder of Connector Road (the one way from Schulz Drive West to Half Mile Road) so that buses standing idle do not interfere with traffic on Connector Road.

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6. COMMUNICATION

The NJ Turnpike Authority should post notifications on the Academy bus website, at the Academy bus stop and at the ticket sales area notifying commuters about the project and any changes to travel routes and parking.

RESPONSE: The NJTA will coordinate construction activities with Academy Bus. Academy Bus will best determine how to disseminate this information to its riders.

SUGGESTED ALTERNATE IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

There are features of the plan that will likely improve the safety of Interchange 109 by reducing





traffic queues on the exit ramp and eliminate the merge/weave condition on the jughandle. However, we feel the plan should be implemented in phases to first examine how the addition of the GSP NB entrance ramp, removal of the jughandle and addition of the 520 East left turn lane will effect traffic flow. If these three improvements can meet the project's intention, then no additional changes should be made. We describe this in more detail below:

- As proposed, add new ramp and bridge from Newman Springs Road East to Garden State Parkway North.
- As proposed, remove the existing jughandle ramp on Route 520 East.
- As proposed, add a left turn lane from Route 520 East into Half Mile Road.
- Make no change to the exit ramp lanes from GSP NB Exit 109 (one left turn, one left/straight, one straight, one separate feeder road right).
- Make no change to the Half Mile Road turn lanes (one right turn, one right/left turn).
- Make no change to the entrance driveway to Schultz Drive West.
- Eliminate the new Ramp 109 NBXB (thereby eliminating the new traffic signal at Schulz Drive West and allowing for a longer left turn lane on Route 520 East).

We hope for further dialogue between our organization and the stakeholders of this plan as you consider these changes. We may be reached by email or by contacting either of our Co-Presidents at the phone numbers listed below.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Grant, Co-President, LVGA 908-601-1166 Lori Littenberg, Co-President, LVGA 908-216-0087"

RESPONSE: The alternate improvement plan proposed by LVGA, as well as numerous other alternatives, were tested using the traffic model before the preferred alternative was selected. The traffic analysis and simulation model showed that implementing the improvements as suggested by LVGA would result in excessive queuing along all intersection approaches. This would not meet the project's intent to improve the safety and operations of Interchange 109 by reducing vehicular traffic queues that currently extend onto the GSP NB local (outer) roadway from the GSP NB exit ramp and improving the flow of traffic destined to/from the GSP by eliminating the merge/weave condition between jughandle traffic from EB Newman Springs Road (County Route 520) and GSP NB exiting traffic. The NJTA's proposed plan reconfigures the GSP NB exit ramp and redistributes the ramp volumes across two signalized intersections, which addresses the safety issues caused by the jughandle and extensive queuing along the GSP NB exit ramp, while also allowing for an increase in green time and some improvement in traffic operations for Newman Springs Road (County Route 520) while reducing the amount of green time needed for ramp traffic.



APPENDIX A

Notice of Public Hearing

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cc: John Keller, Deputy Chief Engineer/Design Maynard Abuan, Senior Project Engineer



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Joseph M. Ettore, P.E. Monmouth County Engineer Division of Engineering & Traffic Safety Hall of Records Annex 1 East Main Street Freehold, NJ 07728

> Re: New Jersey Turnpike Authority Notice of Public Hearing – Wednesday, January 24, 2018 Construction Contract No. P300.390 Garden State Parkway Interchange 109 Improvements Township of Middletown, Monmouth County, NJ

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The Honorable Lillian G. Burry Freeholder Director Monmouth County Hall of Records 1 East Main Street Freehold, NJ 07728

> Re: New Jersey Turnpike Authority Notice of Public Hearing – Wednesday, January 24, 2018 Construction Contract No. P300.390 Garden State Parkway Interchange 109 Improvements Township of Middletown, Monmouth County, NJ

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The Honorable Gary J. Rich, Sr. Freeholder, Monmouth County Hall of Records I East Main Street Freehold, NJ 07728

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Christine Giordano Hanlon Monmouth County Clerk 33 Mechanic Street Monmouth County Hall of Records Freehold, NJ 07728

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Teri O'Connor, Administrator Monmouth County One East Main Street Freehold, NJ 07728

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The Honorable Gerard P. Scharfenberger, Ph.D. Mayor, Township of Middletown 1 Kings Highway Middletown, NJ 07748

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Ted Maloney, PE, PP, CME, CPWM Middletown Township Engineer 52 Kanes Lane Middletown, NJ 07748

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Anthony P. Mercantante, PP, AICP Middletown Township Administrator 1 Kings Highway Middletown, NJ 07748

> Re: New Jersey Turnpike Authority Notice of Public Hearing – Wednesday, January 24, 2018 Construction Contract No. P300.390 Garden State Parkway Interchange 109 Improvements Township of Middletown, Monmouth County, NJ

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Heidi R. Brunt, RMC, CMC Middletown Township Clerk 1 Kings Highway Middletown, NJ 07748

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Danielle Walsh, President Middletown Township School Board 834 Leonardville Rd., 2nd Floor Leonardo, NJ 07737

> Re: New Jersey Turnpike Authority Notice of Public Hearing – Wednesday, January 24, 2018 Construction Contract No. P300.390 Garden State Parkway Interchange 109 Improvements Township of Middletown, Monmouth County, NJ

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Mayor Pasquale Menna and Council Members Borough of Red Bank 90 Monmouth Street Red Bank, NJ 07701

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Kathleen Horgan, Council President Borough of Red Bank 90 Monmouth Street Red Bank, NJ 07701

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Christine Ballard, P.E. T & M Associates Borough of Red Bank Engineer 11 Tindall Road Middletown, NJ 07748

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Tom Neff, PE, PP, CME T & M Associates 11 Tindall Road Tinton Falls, NJ 07724

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Sign-in Sheets

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Handout Distributed at Public Hearing

Garden State Parkway Interchange 109 Improvements



Public Hearing Rules

The following rules will govern the Public Comment portion of the Public Hearing:

- 1. Anyone 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 fifteen (15) days after the hearing, until February 8, 2018 and any additional comments must be submitted in writing to:

> Maynard Abuan, P.E., Hearing Officer New Jersey Turnpike Authority, P.O. 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. Copies of the final hearing report will be provided to Middletown Township and the County of Monmouth.



New Jersey Turnpike Authority **Public Hearing** January 24, 2018



Hearing Location

Place: Middletown Township Public Library, Community Room 55 New Monmouth Road, Middletown NJ 07748 *Time:* Public Information Center 4:00 - 6:30pm Public Hearing and Presentation 6:30 - 8:00 pm

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA:

- Description of Improvements Stantec
- Public Comment Open
- Conclusion NJTA



New Jersey Turnpike Authority Garden State Parkway Improvements to Interchange 109 Construction Contract No. P300.390

• Introduction of Purpose and Need - Maynard Abuan, P.E., NJTA

Garden State Parkway Interchange 109 Improvements

Project Need

Garden State Parkway (GSP) Interchange 109 is located along the GSP between MP 109.5 to MP 110.5 in Middletown Township, Monmouth County and is a full interchange with the GSP Northbound (NB) and Southbound (SB) local roadways (outer roadways) and Newman Springs Road (County Route 520). Currently, the GSP NB exit ramp merges with the Newman Springs Road Eastbound (EB) jughandle which provides for u-turning traffic destined for the GSP NB entrance and left turning traffic destined for Half Mile Road NB. This merge/weave causes congestion and backups on both the GSP NB and Newman Springs Road. The primary issues which will be addressed are eliminating vehicular traffic queues that currently extend onto the GSP NB local roadway from the GSP NB exit ramp and improving the flow of traffic destined to/from the GSP by eliminating the merge/weave condition. These issues result in operational and safety concerns on the GSP, Newman Springs Road and Half Mile Road.

Proposed Improvements

The proposed interchange improvements include the following significant features:

- Separation of the Newman Springs Road EB to GSP NB entrance ramp movement from the GSP NB exit ramp traffic by constructing a new entrance loop ramp and bridge over Newman Springs Road east of the existing GSP bridges;
- Signalization of the Newman Springs Road intersection with Schulz Drive West which will include the relocation of the GSP NB exit left turn to Newman Springs Road WB to this intersection;
- Reconfiguration of the Newman Springs Road intersection with Half Mile Road to accommodate the Newman Springs Road EB left turn to Half Mile Road movement;
- Conversion of the Half Mile Road SB left lane at Newman Springs Road from a shared right/left to a left turn only lane;
- Minor widening of Schulz Drive West between Newman Springs Road and the GSP NB entrance ramp from Schulz Drive West to provide for a SB right turn onto Newman Springs Road WB.

The Project is intended to improve the safety and operations of Interchange 109 by reducing vehicular traffic queues that currently extend onto the GSP NB local (outer) roadway from the GSP NB exit ramp and improving the flow of traffic destined to/from the GSP by eliminating the merge/weave condition between jughandle traffic from EB Newman Springs Road and GSP NB exiting traffic.



APPENDIX F

Transcript of Proceedings of Public Hearing

NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY PUBLIC HEARING : NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY : PUBLIC HEARING FOR GARDEN STATE : PARKWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO : INTERCHANGE 109 : : Transcript of proceedings taken on January 24, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at the Middletown Township Public Library, 55 New Monmouth Road, Middletown, New Jersey before Maynard Abuan, P.E., Hearing Officer.

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MR. ABUAN: Good evening and welcome to tonight's public hearing for the Garden State Parkway Interchange 109 improvements.

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My name is Maynard Abuan and I am the Authority's design liaison. It is now 6:30 p.m. and it is time to begin the public hearing.

So, tonight's agenda includes a presentation on the purpose and need of the project, and a discussion of the proposed improvements.

After the presentation, public officials and then members of the public, will be given the opportunity to provide comments for the record.

Assisting me this evening is Michael McDonnell who is Stantec's project manager for this project. Stantec is the design consultant for the design of these improvements.

This public hearing is being conducted pursuant to New Jersey Executive Order 172. The purpose of this hearing is for the Authority to provide a forum for the public to provide their opinions, recommendations,

suggestions and comments regarding the project.

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When the public comment period of the public hearing begins, and you wish to formally comment on the project, I ask that you adhere to the following rules: Everyone wishing to speak must register at the desk located at the entrance of the meeting room.

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Oral comments will be limited to five minutes. Remaining time cannot be assigned to another speaker. There is no limit on the length of written comments.

The public hearing will end when all those registered to comment have spoken.

So, additionally, these rules can be found on the back cover of the handouts that you picked up when you came into the

room.

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2	If you prefer not to speak this
3	evening but would like to get your comments
4	on the record, you could submit your
5	comments via regular mail using one of the
6	comment forms provided at the entrance.
7	Written comments can be mailed to The
8	New Jersey Turnpike Authority but must be
9	received by February 8, 2018. The mailing
10	address is included on the form and on the
11	public hearing handout.
12	Responses to all comments including
13	those given tonight or sent via regular
14	mail and received no later than February 8,
15	2018, will be included in the Public
16	Hearing Report.
17	I understand that in some cases
18	individuals would like questions answered
19	on the project but informally and not on
20	the record. If that is the case, please
21	feel free to speak to any of the
22	Authority's representatives in attendance
23	tonight.
24	Just to give a brief overview of
25	existing conditions. Here we see

Interchange 109 and the northbound exit ramp which merges with the jughandle for eastbound Newman Springs Road. The northbound exit ramp traffic is either going east on Newman Springs Road, north on Half Mile Road, or west on Newman Springs Road. So there is a lot of merging in this area here with eastbound Newman Springs Road traffic wanting to go northbound on Half Mile Road, or making a u-turn to go northbound on the Parkway. The merging and weaving between the northbound exit ramp traffic and jughandle traffic causes congestion and backups onto the mainline. The vehicular queues extend from the northbound exit ramp onto the GSP northbound mainline. Additionally, the jughandle queues extend onto Newman Springs

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These issues result in operational and safety concerns on the GSP, Newman Springs Road, and Half Mile Road. Over a six-year analysis period, a total of seventy-four crashes occurred on the GSP northbound exit

Road eastbound.

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1	ramp which included one fatality.
2	Additionally, the high volumes of
3	traffic traveling through the Newman
4	Springs Road and Half Mile Road
5	intersection results in congestion during
6	the a.m. and the p.m. peak periods.
7	The Authority has met with Monmouth
8	County and Middletown Township and all
9	parties generally agreed that these
10	operational and safety concerns need to be
11	mitigated.
12	Now, I would like to turn it over to
13	Michael McDonnell to talk about the
14	proposed improvements.
15	MR. MCDONNELL: Thank you. Okay, so,
16	Maynard explained the project issues and
17	the project need. So, the improvements are
18	intended to improve the safety and the
19	operational issues at the Interchange and
20	reducing the traffic queues that Maynard
21	explained.
22	So, we understand that the jughandle,
23	the existing jughandle along Newman Springs
24	Road eastbound is really the major cause of
25	all these issues here, and the intent is to

eliminate the jughandle to alleviate these conditions. And we're going to be installing the proposed improvements that are listed on the screen here and shown clearly in the graphic that is on the screen, as well as around the room and I'll go over each of the improvements.

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The main improvement is to eliminate the jughandle and we now have to replace those movements that the jughandle currently provides, and those movements are access to the Parkway northbound from Newman Springs Road eastbound, as well as the movement from Newman Springs Road eastbound to Half Mile Road northbound.

So, to provide the northbound Garden State Parkway movement from Newman Springs Road eastbound, we propose to build a new ramp from Newman Spring Road eastbound over Newman Springs Road to the Parkway northbound.

So, that will be a free movement allowing vehicles from Newman Springs Road eastbound to get onto the Parkway northbound directly and to provide the

Newman Springs Road eastbound to Half Mile Road northbound movement, we propose to put a left-turn lane on Newman Springs Road on to Half Mile Road directly.

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Now, the other improvements will be to separate the Garden State Parkway traffic going northbound exiting on to Newman Spring Road. So, we're going to install a new signal at Schulz Drive west and that will provide access from vehicles exiting the Parkway northbound destined for Newman Springs Road westbound.

Traffic exiting the Parkway northbound onto Newman Springs Road eastbound and Half Mile Road will continue to use the signal at Half Mile Road and Newman Springs Road.

One thing I would like to also point out is that the new exit to Newman Springs Road westbound will also provide access from Newman Springs Road on to Schulz Drive west.

So, there will be some minor widening on Newman Springs Road eastbound to accommodate the new left-turn lane onto Half Mile Road and Newman Springs Road

east.

2	I would like to point out that the
3	existing parking at the commuter parking
4	lot will not change. We're not impacting
5	them, we're not reducing parking, we're not
6	adding parking, and during construction we
7	will mandate that the contractor does not
8	impact the parking to those lots with his
9	construction equipment or materials.
10	So, I would like to go over how we
11	propose the project to be constructed. The
12	majority of the construction is being built
13	offline, meaning that it will not need to
14	impact any of the roadways, the Parkway,
15	nor Newman Springs Road or the local roads.
16	So, the majority of the work including
17	the bridge and the new ramps shown in
18	orange, can be constructed what we call
19	offline in the infield areas. So again,
20	minimal impact to the traveling public
21	during construction.
22	And then also I would like to note
23	that during peak hour, which is when most
24	of the commuting is being done for the
25	morning and the evening, there will be no

lane closures. So, any lane closures that will be required by the contractor will be done off-peak.

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So, once the majority of the work is built, the new bridge and the new ramps here will be built while the jughandle is being maintained, once that's all built, the next phase, which will be a much shorter phase, will be to complete the connections and open the new ramps and the left-turning lane off Newman Springs Road onto Half Mile Road, and we anticipate that this will be a very short stage. And again, any closures will be done during off-peak hours whether it's weekend or nighttime.

Right now our project schedule is to award the construction contract in June, 2018 and the construction will start in August of 2018.

The first order of construction will be to relocate utilities that cross over the Parkway, so we anticipate that will be done by November. There are a few utility lines that need to be moved out of the way

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1	for the bridge construction.
2	So, really most of the heavy
3	construction will start in November and as
4	I indicated, the bridge will be the driving
5	scheduled critical portion of the
6	construction and we anticipate all the
7	construction will be completed by August of
8	2019 with the majority of the work being
9	done before the summer.
10	At this point, our public hearing
11	officer will come up and take public
12	comments.
13	MR. ABUAN: Thanks Mike. The public
14	is now invited to provide comments
15	regarding the project. If you have not
16	registered to speak, please register with
17	Katie here at the entrance of the room.
18	When I read your name, please come
19	forward. Doug Tomchuck.
20	MR. TOMCHUK: Doug Tomchuk.
21	MR. ABUAN: Please state your name,
22	address, and spell your last name.
23	MR. TOMCHUK: Douglas Tomchuk
24	T-O-M-C-H-U-K, 39 Parkway Place.
25	Well, we have seen the previous

version of this plan and there was a lot on that one that we had concerns with so I am very pleased that we ran out of money for these projects because it made us do a lot better project.

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This project seems to, from having about a half hour to look at the materials, seems to be a lot more logical and it seems to alleviate some of the problems that have been: experienced without interference to the community too badly.

I want to go on the record saying that the previous project that was planned had some serious design flaws and I hope that that doesn't ever come back. So, I just want to make sure that -- I think that -- I live in Parkway Place and access to Parkway Place is very difficult on a county road that is very difficult to access. So, any concerns during the construction project, you know, being able to get out of our road during the commuting hours particularly, I hope that they will be taken as well.

So, I also had a question. The questions are later? I had a question

1 about why the two-way traffic, the 2 southbound traffic on Schulz Drive west, I 3 don't know how that, is that a fundamental 4 part of alleviating part of this or that 5 was a new part of the design? 6 So, I just wasn't aware of that from a 7 previous -- I don't know if there's 8 interaction now, or just comment. 9 MR. ABUAN: Just comment period. 10 MR. TOMCHUK: Okay, now, overall I 11 don't have any real concerns about the plan 12 but I haven't really thought about it for 13 more than a half hour. 14 I urge next time you have a public 15 meeting to put the materials online at 16 least a day before, thank you. 17 MR. ABUAN: Thank you. Erin Dorrian. 18 MS. DORRIAN: I'm going to pass. 19 MR. ABUAN: Thank you. Kathy 20 Codybjelka. 21 MS. CODYBJELKA: Kathy Codybjelka C - O - D - Y - B - J - E - L - K - A22 23 After speaking with everybody, I do 24 like the design that you have come up with. 25 I think it is going to definitely alleviate

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1 commuters? 2 RONALD LOTRECCHIO (STANTEC): About 3 400 feet between intersections. MR. ABUAN: It's a municipal road so 4 5 we have no say. 6 MS. CODYBJELKA: But the purpose of 7 it -- I guess you had to put the light 8 there to, but the distance of the light is 9 kind of a concern to me anyway. As long as 10 they run in sync it will be fine, but if 11 they don't, the fact that the traffic that 12 happens there, I just want to go on record, 13 is because of Red Bank traffic going east, it's really not much traffic going west. 14 15 You have a little bit of Brookdale but 16 that's been alleviated since you put the 17 new exit up in Tinton Falls. That helped 18 and some of the kids are utilizing Route 18 19 and Swimming River Road. 20 So, the main concern is I just wanted 21 to go on record saying the widening, I'm 2.2 against the widening anything past that 23 Parkway bridge is down into the town of 24 Lincroft. I feel it's unnecessary and it 25 poses a danger if Newman Springs Road is

1 widened past into the residential areas. 2 MR. ABUAN: Thank you. 3 MS. CODYBJELKA: Thank you. 4 MR. ABUAN: Susan Dzugan. 5 MS. DZUGAN: Good evening, it's D-Z-U-G-A-N. 6 7 So, my comment is, and forgive me because I am directionally challenged but, 8 9 if I'm traveling eastbound on Newman Springs Road, the way I used to get on the 10 Parkway to go south was I did that 11 12 jughandle, made a left, and get on south. 13 I don't see how I could get on south now pulling out of, going -- I'm coming from 14 15 the residential area that needs to make a 16 right onto Newman Springs Road and then get 17 to the Parkway south. MR. ABUAN: Coming from which 18 19 direction on Newman Springs Road? 20 MS. DZUGAN: I'm going eastbound on Newman Springs Road. 21 22 MR. ABUAN: Going eastbound, the same 23 way that you do it now. MS. DZUGAN: So, I used to do the 24 25 jughandle and make a left.

1 (Crosstalk) 2 MS. DZUGAN: Oh wait, that's right, 3 that's why I got directionally challenge. 4 So, thank you, that's what I was getting a 5 little nervous about, as I was looking at 6 it with all the new turns, I couldn't 7 remember how I got south. 8 MR. ABUAN: Mel Elmiger. 9 MS. Elmiger: Hi, thank you for 10 having this hearing. Melanie Elmiger, 11 E-L-M-I-G-E-R. 12 I have two questions. One is, the left hand turn that is new that you would 13 14 be making a left-hand turn onto Half Mile 15 Road, there's this little black scribble at 16 the traffic light that would access Shulz 17 Drive west, does that indicate some 18 concrete hardscape? 19 #How do you prevent people that are 20 getting off the Parkway and now people that 21 want to make a left-hand turn onto Half 22 Mile Road, now they're queued up and 23 they're backing up and backing up and 24 they're like, can I get through this light? 25 Yeah; I could get through it and then all

1 of a sudden they're blocking all the people 2 that want to exit the Parkway. 3 Like, is there some hard, concrete 4 structure there that doesn't allow them to 5 access that left-turn lane until they 6 actually get through the intersection? 7 MR. MCDONNELL: The proposal is not to put any hardscape in Newman Springs 8 9 Road. It will be striped. 10 Now, the signals should be 11 synchronized so that traffic shouldn't back 12 up into the intersection, but I understand 13 your concern. Your concern is that if 14 traffic is backed up, whether it is the 15 left turn or even the through lanes, if 16 they back up, they can back up and block 17 the signal at Schulz Drive and Schulz 18 Drive --19 MS. ELMIGER: Well, I would think 20 that they would have taken the traffic 21 count of people that went through the 22 jughandle and went over the Half Mile Road, 23 and they're taking that number, and they're 24 queueing it up to that left-hand turn lane. 25 Are those numbers equal? Could that handle

1 the number of people that would normally have to get over there to avoid a conflict 2 into the intersection? 3 MR. MCDONNELL: I understand your 4 5 comment, and this traffic signal will be designed and timed so that traffic will not 6 7 be backed up through the intersection. MS. ELMIGER: Let's hope. 8 And my 9 second question is, where will they be storing the construction vehicles during 10 11 construction especially since now they're 12 indicating that there could be some water 13 back up in the two areas that they'd normally, I've seen them store trucks 14 15 before for other projects. Like, where 16 would they be parked because they usually 17 leave them parked? MR. MCDONNELL: Well, the Turnpike 18 does have some residual land in the infield 19 20 areas of the ramps. 21 MS. ELMIGER: Where the blue pieces 22 are? 23 MR. MCDONNELL: Also, even on the 24 other side of the Parkway as well, on the 25 southbound side.

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1	MS. ELMIGER: Where the ramp is?
2	MR. MCDONNELL: Yeah, and those blue
3	areas, they are stormwater management
4	facilities which don't need to be opened on
5	day one and even though they're shown as
6	blue, they are not going to be filled with
7	water all the time, only as needed. So, he
8	will be able to store his equipment in
9	those areas while the construction is going
10	on.
11	MS. ELMIGER: Yeah, so when you're
12	coming off the Parkway to make this choice,
13	because now I have three choices to make,
14	how far back are the signs going to be that
15	says you want to go west, you want to go
16	east or you want to go Half Mile? Say
17	here, here, here? It's kind of like when
18	you come over the Driscoll Bridge and
19	you're like, is it Route 9, 287?
20	Like, how far back are they going to
21	have a sign that says you have to make a
22	choice and you better make it quick because
23	you have three choices because that's a
24	really short distance to try to decide
25	where you're going.

1 MR. MCDONNELL: Well, there will be a 2 sign where it splits apart. 3 MS. ELMIGER: Too late, too late, 4 we need it back there. Are they going to 5 warn you like further down? Because normally they split these. 6 7 MR. ABUAN: Overhead signing. 8 MR. MCDONNELL: There's going to be 9 an overhead sign. 10 MS. ELMIGER: Says make your 11 choice, one, two or three? MR MCDONNELL: 12 Yes. 13 MS. ELMIGER: Thank you. 14 MR. ABUAN: Bill Faust. 15 MR. FAUST: Bill Faust, F-A-U-S-T, 31 16 Pine Street in Lincroft. 17 I just have a couple of observations. 18 Currently, there are two, if I'm going 19 south on Half Mile Road and wish to go west 20 on Newman Springs Road, there are two turn 21 lanes, I think you have to label that. 22 There's only, shows one on this picture so 23 I'm wondering if there could be backups on 24 Half Mile Road as a result of the changes 25 you're proposing there.

And the second one is going east on 1 2 Newman Springs Road in which, get on the Schulz Drive west, I guess I'd have to turn 3 left onto Half Mile Road, and then turn 4 5 left again on the connector road, where today I can go through the jughandle and 6 7 then just take the exit westbound to get in 8 the Schulz direction. So that will no 9 longer be possible. 10 MR. ABUAN: Thank you. Is there anybody else who wishes to speak? 11 MS. CARBOY: Thank you for waiting. 12 13 Jacqueline Carboy, C-A-R-B-O-Y and I live 14 at 118 Leadsville Drive in Lincroft. 15 And every Monday for 16 years I get on 16 Parkway south from Newman Springs Road and 17 when you come through the center of Lincroft, the light is always red when the 18 19 people are exiting the Parkway, and you have about a little half block to do to get 20 21 on the Parkway south, but you have to wait. 22 Is there any way that there could be a 23 lane that would allow you to proceed if 24 you're going on to south off of Newman 25 Springs Road? It's a very -- a red light
1 you never make it into the center of 2 Lincroft and then it's red. That's my 3 suggestion. 4 MR. ABUAN: Thank you. 5 MS. CARBOY: Thank you. 6 MR. ABUAN: Ellen Vetromile. 7 MS. VETROMILE: Good evening, thank 8 you for your time. 9 MR. ABUAN: Please state your name. 10 MS. VETROMILE: Ellen Vetromile V-E-T-R-O-M-I-L-E. 11 12 I'm a little confused about how we're 13 going to get into this commuter parking lot 14 off of Newman Springs Road east. 15 MR. MCDONNELL: Sure, to get into the 16 commuter parking lot from Newman Springs Road eastbound, you will make a left on to 17 18 Half Mile Road and you will have to go up 19 to the signalized intersection, that's 20 Schulz Drive and make a left to go in. 21 The connector road is one way eastbound so you can't take the connector 22 23 road, so you have to go up to the signal at 24 Schulz Drive and make a left there and come 25 back down.

MS. VETROMILE: Okay, and that left 1 2 hand turning lane, you're feeling fairly 3 confident that it won't block up --MR. MCDONNELL: Right. 4 5 MS. VETROMILE: Down into almost past the Schulz Drive light? 6 MR. MCDONNELL: Because, from our 7 traffic studies --8 9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm sorry, 10 can you repeat the answer? MR. MCDONNELL: If you're coming 11 along Newman Springs Road eastbound and you 12 13 want to go into the commuter parking lots, 14 you would make a left on Half Mile Road and 15 then travel two blocks up to the signal at Schulz Drive and make a left there, and 16 then come down Schulz into the commuter 17 18 parking lots. 19 So now, the question is, are we 20 concerned that that left turn lane will 21 back up while all the vehicles -- so, we 22 did a traffic study -- well, first of all, the traffic going to the commuter lots is 23 early in the morning so, it's not during 24 the peak hour when the rest of the traffic 25

is heavy in the area because the commuter 1 2 lots are full by 7 in the morning. 3 So, the good news is that there's not 4 a lot of traffic on the road when everybody is entering the commuter lots. 5 MS. VETROMILE: I disagree, but okay. 6 7 Jeff, jump in. MR. MCDONNELL: Ι 8 think we did a study to determine where the 9 vehicles were coming from to go to the 10 commuter lots and we were able to quantify 11 who was coming from the east, who was 12 coming from the west, and who was coming 13 from the Parkway. And I forget what those 14 are, but we could probably provide that 15 data so we did account for how many cars 16 would be coming from Newman Springs Road eastbound to go into the lots and we are 17 comfortable and confident that it's not 18 19 going to be an issue. 20 MS. VETROMILE: How about taking that 21 left-hand turn to go on Half Mile Road at 9:00 in the morning? 22 MR. MCDONNELL: Yes, Jeff. 23 24 MR. SMITHLINE: Yeah, that's what the 25 simulations show.

1 MS. VETROMILE: Yeah, it backs up 2 now. MR. SMITHLINE: Well, which left-hand 3 4 turn are you talking about? 5 MS. VETROMILE: I mean, you're going to put a left-hand turn in where the 6 7 roundabout is --8 MR. MCDONNELL: The jughandle. 9 MS. VETROMILE: The jughandle. That backs up now. 10 MR. SMITHLINE: It backs up because 11 12 of merge and weave conditions. 13 MS. VETROMILE: To try to get to Half Mile Road. 14 15 MR. SMITHLINE: Right, because it's mixing with the northbound exit ramp 16 17 traffic. MS. VETROMILE: One more question, 18 19 how do we get out of the commuter lot? 20 MR. MCDONNELL: Actually, you have 21 more opportunities to get out of the 22 commuter lot with this improvement now 23 because when you were coming out of the 24 commuter lot, and you wanted to go to 25 Newman Springs Road westbound, you would

have to go north on Schulz Drive to the 1 2 connector road, down to the intersection at 3 Half Mile Road and Newman Springs Road. 4 Now, when you come out of the commuter 5 lot, you can go to Schulz Drive south and make a quick right onto Newman Springs Road 6 7 westbound. 8 So, we actually are providing more 9 opportunities to exit the commuter lots in 10 the evening. MS. VETROMILE: Okay, great, thanks 11 12 for your time. 13 MR. ABUAN: Is there anyone else that 14 wishes to speak? At this point in time, 15 we're going to close the hearing --MR. TOMCHUK: Can I speak again? 16 Ι 17 have a quick question. 18 MR. ABUAN: I'll take your question. 19 MR. TOMCHUK: I was just curious, 20 is there an opportunity -- Doug Tomchuk, 21 Parkway Place. 22 Will this be evaluated at sometime in 23 the future to make sure it is working as 24 planned? 25 MR. ABUAN: Yes.

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1	MR. TOMCHUK: At what period?
2	MR. ABUAN: At this point in time,
3	there's no set timeframe. I mean, opening
4	day, we plan to see an improvement in the
5	operating service and we've designed for
6	ten years out. So, we've looked at ten
7	years out and it continues to operate from
8	a planning perspective, things look like
9	they will continue to operate more
10	favorably than it does existing, but we'll
11	have to re-evaluate sometime in the future
12	to see how things work out.
13	MR. TOMCHUK: Okay, thank you.
14	MR. ABUAN: At this point, we're
15	going to close the hearing until, if
16	there's any other comments we can reopen
17	the floor, but we're going to close the
18	public hearing at 7:03.
19	(Applause)
20	MR. ABUAN: I just wanted to make a
21	comment that the public hearing is not
22	over, we're just off the record until
23	anyone else shows up wanting to testify.
24	So, if somebody else wants to testify
25	or somebody new shows up, we will reopen

the hearing.

2	(Which time public comment was closed)
3.	MR. ABUAN: It is now 8:00, we are going back on
4	record. No additional members of the public have
5	come forward to make a comment. So, at this
6	point we're going to close the public hearing.
7	All comments will be responded to in the public
8	hearing report. Thank you.
9	(Public Hearing was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.)
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APPENDIX G

Public Hearing Presentation





New Jersey Turnpike Authority Garden State Parkway Middletown Township, Monmouth County

Improvements to Garden State Parkway Interchange 109

January 24, 2018



Agenda

Public Hearing Agenda

Public Hearing Rules

Introduction and Purpose & Need

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Description of Improvements

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Project Manager

Stantec Consulting Services Inc.

Public Comment

Conclusion



Executive Order 172

This Public Hearing is pursuant to New Jersey Executive Order 172 (EO 172).

The purpose of the hearing is for the Authority to receive your opinions, recommendations, suggestions and comments regarding the project.



Public Comment

Public Hearing Rules

- 1. Anyone 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 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.
- 6. The record shall remain open for fifteen days (15) after the hearing, until February 8, 2018
- 7. All comments will be addressed in a written Final Hearing Report, which will be Issued after the close of the comment period.



Project Need

- Currently, the Garden State Parkway (GSP) Northbound (NB) exit ramp merges with the Newman Springs Road Eastbound (EB) jughandle which provides for u-turning traffic destined for the GSP NB entrance and Half Mile Road NB traffic.
 - This merge/weave causes congestion and backups on both the GSP NB and Newman Springs Road.
 - Vehicular queues extend from the NB exit ramp onto the GSP NB mainline and onto Newman Springs Road EB.
- These issues result in operational and safety concerns on the GSP, Newman Springs Road and Half Mile Road.



Purpose & Need

Existing Conditions





Proposed Improvements

- Separation of the Newman Springs Road EB to GSP NB entrance ramp movement from the GSP NB exit ramp traffic by constructing a new entrance loop ramp and bridge over Newman Springs Road east of the existing GSP bridges;
- Signalization of the Newman Springs Road intersection with Schulz Drive West which will include the relocation of the GSP NB exit left turn to Newman Springs Road Westbound (WB) to this intersection; and provide thru movement to Schulz Drive West.
- Reconfiguration of the Newman Springs Road intersection with Half Mile Road to accommodate the Newman Springs Road EB left turn to Half Mile Road movement;
- Conversion of the Half Mile Road SB left lane at Newman Springs Road from a shared right/left to a left turn only lane;
- Minor widening of Schulz Drive West between Newman Springs Road and the GSP NB entrance ramp from Schulz Drive West to provide for a SB right turn onto Newman Springs Road WB.



Proposed Improvements





Construction Staging - Stage 1





Construction Staging - Stage 2





Project Schedule

- Award Construction Contract June 2018
- Construction Start August 2018
- Complete Utility Relocations November 2018
- Substantial Completion of Construction August 2019





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MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP, MONMOUTH COUNTY, NJ

JANUARY 24, 2018

INTERCHANGE 109 IMPROVEMENTS

GARDEN STATE PARKWAY

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February 5, 2018

Mr. Maynard Abuan, P.E., Hearing Officer New Jersey Turnpike Authority P.O. Box 5042 Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095

Dear Mr. Abuan,

Directors and members of our organization attended the January 24, 2018 Public Hearing regarding the revised Garden State Parkway Interchange 109 Improvements plan. After examining the plans, hearing the description of improvements, and listening to public comments, there remain some unaddressed issues with this project as proposed.

The LVGA is an organization with a nearly twenty year commitment to addressing traffic and safety issues in the village of Lincroft and surrounding areas. We applaud the improvements of both the new Route 520 East entrance to the GSP NB and the elimination of the vehicle conflicts on the existing jughandle at the GSP NB exit ramp. However, we hope that the New Jersey Turnpike Authority will consider our concerns regarding the improvement plan and incorporate our suggestions to mitigate the negative impact of this project and ensure public safety.

Our specific concerns regarding this project are primarily related to both its impact on traffic conditions on Route 520 and its potential creation of vehicle and pedestrian safety hazards in the Schultz Drive West and Academy bus lot areas. The following list describes issues that require examination before the improvement plan is finalized:

1. EVALUATE THE TIMING OF LIGHTS ON ROUTE 520 TO MAXIMIZE TRAFFIC FLOW

The addition of a new traffic signal at Schulz Drive West increases the number of lights on Route 520 between the GSP SB Toll Plaza and Phoenix Drive (a distance of 2,250 feet) from three lights to four lights. A study of the timing and synchronization of the lights should be considered within two months following the project completion.

2. EXAMINE TRAFFIC QUEUE BACKUPS

- a. The new left turn lane from Route 520 East into Half Mile Road will be the only eastbound access to the Academy bus stop lots and Half Mile Road. A backup in the left turn lane could result due to the volume of cars and buses. This could cause the Route 520 East traffic to back up and be reduced to one lane.
- b. During commuting hours, the Garden State Parkway South Exit 109 is currently backed up in the double left turn lanes moving onto Route 520 East. With the potential backup accessing Half Mile Road, will the traffic back up onto the Garden State Parkway South Exit 109 ramp before the toll? There is a potential cause and effect where by fixing the GSP NB exit ramp flow you could cause a problem on the GSP SB exit ramp flow.

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c. With the removal of the second right turn lane from Half Mile Road to Route 520 West, traffic might back up on Half Mile Road causing congestion. Will vehicles turn into Schulz Drive West at the light north of the intersection when there is no sign to indicate that route is open? Will vehicles cut through the parking lot of 230 Half Mile Road which has an east and went entrance/exit? This traffic flow, signage, and lot access should be examined.

3. MINIMIZE DRIVER CONFUSION AND PREVENT NEIGHBORHOOD TURNAROUNDS

To avoid neighborhood turnarounds when drivers navigate the GSP NB Exit 109 off ramp incorrectly:

- a. For cars mistakenly taking the Route 520 West left turn when exiting GSP NB Exit 109, add a new U-Turn sign at Woodland Drive to direct vehicles to return eastbound through the Exit 109 Southbound exit (after toll). This could prevent neighborhood turnarounds on local Lincroft roads adjacent to Route 520 such as Woodland Drive, Neville Drive, Parkview Terrace, etc.
- b. Provide appropriate signage before exiting the GSP North Exit 109, not just when the road splits after exiting, so that the appropriate west, straight or east ramp is selected by drivers.
- 4. EXAMINE THE IMPACT OF THE BUS STOP REMOVAL ON ROUTE 520 EAST Where will the NJ Transit bus for bus route 838 deliver passengers since the current bus stop at Half Mile Road and Route 520 East will be removed for the widening of Route 520 East? Will Middletown designate a new bus stop location so that NJ Transit bus passengers can safely access the Academy bus stop ? The route, bus stop location, and schedule time of each bus servicing the area should be examined to determine if there is any effect on traffic flow.

5. SCHULZ DRIVE WEST: PARKING CAPACITY, ACCIDENT RISKS AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ISSUES

- a. There is a shortage of commuter parking spaces at the Academy bus site. On weekdays, when both the main and overflow lots are filled, cars park on both sides of Schultz Drive West. Parking should be prohibited or limited and 25 mph speed limit signs posted. The bend on the north end of the road is a dangerous turn when cars are parked on both sides of the road.
- b. Pedestrians will be crossing between the main commuter lot and the overflow lot. A prominent crosswalk and speed reduction measures should be put in place as Schulz Drive West becomes a more heavily traveled road. As cars exit GSP North Exit 109 and cross over Route 520, they could be traveling at a high speed on a green traffic light, and they would encounter a pedestrian crosswalk only 275 feet from the traffic light. Lights, signs, and any reflective markings to warn drivers of the crossing should be added for the safety of pedestrians.
- c. Drivers are allowed to cut through the parking lot at 230 Half Mile Road to travel between Shultz Drive West on the west side and Half Mile Road on the east side. This causes a pedestrian and vehicle safety issue. Consider the addition of signs warning that only tenants and visitors are allowed to enter, or change the driveway access to prevent this cut-through travel.
- d. Improve the road markings, add a Yield sign for the left turn at the intersection of Schulz Drive West and Connector Road, and remove raised concrete barriers at that same intersection.

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e. Widen or re-design the shoulder of Connector Road (the one way from Schulz Drive West to Half Mile Road) so that buses standing idle do not interfere with traffic on Connector Road.

6. COMMUNICATION

The NJ Turnpike Authority should post notifications on the Academy bus website, at the Academy bus stop and at the ticket sales area notifying commuters about the project and any changes to travel routes and parking.

SUGGESTED ALTERNATE IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

There are features of the plan that will likely improve the safety of Interchange 109 by reducing traffic queues on the exit ramp and eliminate the merge/weave condition on the jughandle. However, we feel the plan should be implemented in phases to first examine how the addition of the GSP NB entrance ramp, removal of the jughandle and addition of the 520 East left turn lane will effect traffic flow. If these three improvements can meet the project's intention, then no additional changes should be made. We describe this in more detail below:

- As proposed, add new ramp and bridge from Newman Springs Road East to Garden State Parkway North.
- As proposed, remove the existing jughandle ramp on Route 520 East.
- As proposed, add a left turn lane from Route 520 East into Half Mile Road.
- Make no change to the exit ramp lanes from GSP NB Exit 109 (one left turn, one left/straight, one straight, one separate feeder road right).
- Make no change to the Half Mile Road turn lanes (one right turn, one right/left turn).
- Make no change to the entrance driveway to Schultz Drive West.
- Eliminate the new Ramp 109 NBXB (thereby eliminating the new traffic signal at Schulz Drive West and allowing for a longer left turn lane on Route 520 East).

We hope for further dialogue between our organization and the stakeholders of this plan as you consider these changes. We may be reached by email or by contacting either of our Co-Presidents at the phone numbers listed below.

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