

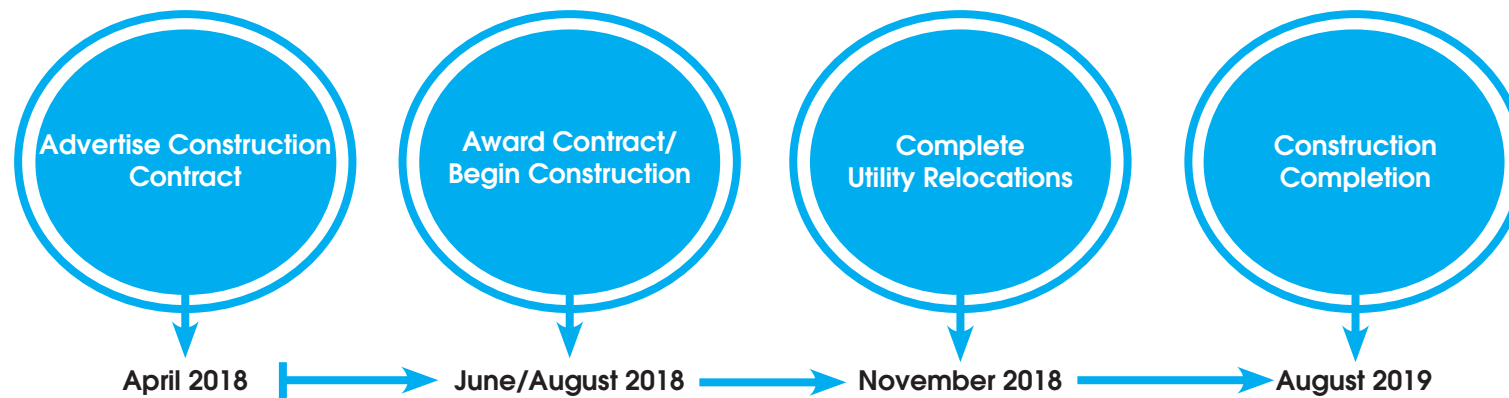


Public Hearing

January 24, 2018



Project Schedule



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 Garden State Parkway Improvements to Interchange 109 Construction Contract No. P300.390

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:

- Introduction of Purpose and Need - *Maynard Abuan, P.E., NJTA*
- Description of Improvements - *Stantec*
- Public Comment - *Open*
- Conclusion - *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.

