Public Hearing Report Garden State Parkway

Contract No. P200.252 Shoulder Widening of the Garden State Parkway Milepost 30.0 to Milepost 35.0







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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to the New Jersey Executive Order No. 172 (EO 172) and the No Net Loss Reforestation Act (N.J.S.A. 13:1L-14.1 et. Seq.) a Public Information Center (PIC) and a Public Hearing were held by the New Jersey Turnpike Authority (NJTA) for the Garden State Parkway (GSP) Shoulder Widening Milepost 30 to 35 (Contract No. P200.252) project on Tuesday, December 17, 2019. The public hearing was held at the Egg Harbor Township Community Center located at 5045 English Creek Avenue, Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey, 08234.

2.0 PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTER AND PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY

Project team members in attendance included representatives from the NJTA and the consultant team, including Gannett Fleming Inc. and Malick & Scherer, PC. A total of eight (8) members of the general public attended the public signed hearing. The registration sheets are included in Appendix D.

The Public Information Center (PIC) was an open house format meeting held from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm where attendees could review



Figure 1 – Project Display Boards during the Public Information Center

the project displays. The project displays included project display boards showing the project limits, reforestation maps, typical sections, and long-term detours for the contract. A handout summarizing the project was available at the registration table for all attendees and is included within 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 comments during the official Public Hearing, and comment cards were available at the registration table for written comments. The official Public Hearing began at 6:10 pm and consisted of a presentation by the NJTA and their consultant, Gannett Fleming Inc. The presentation was followed by oral comments from the public. Three (3) members of the public provided oral comments during the Public Hearing. The signed Public Hearing Speaker Registration sheet is

included in Appendix D.

Formal Responses to oral comments received at the Public Hearing and written comments received during the comment period ending on February 15, 2020 are included in Sections 6 and 7 of this Report. A transcript of the Public Hearing is included in Appendix F.

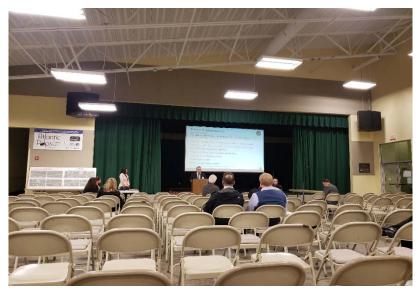


Figure 2 - Presentation of Project Improvements

3.0 PROJECT OVERVIEW

Contract No. P200.252 will widen the northbound (NB) and southbound (SB) left and right shoulder of the GSP, reconstruct eight (8) GSP mainline bridges over local roadways, construct stormwater management facilities, roadside area improvements, and utility relocations. The improvements will also lengthen the acceleration and deceleration lanes for the GSP Interchange 30 NB entrance and SB exit and upgrade the existing roadway lighting at the Interchange 30 to meet current standards. Additionally, improvements to meet current standards will be implemented. All improvements will be completed within the approved limits of the GSP 30 to 80 Widening Program environmental permits.

The proposed roadway typical sections will include 12 foot left and right shoulders on the GSP mainline north of Patcong Creek at milepost 31. Also, GSP NB and SB mainline bridges over the following Atlantic County roadways will be reconstructed: Ocean Heights Avenue (CR 559A), Steelmanville Road (CR 651), Zion Road (CR 615), and Mill Road (CR 662). The proposed bridge typical section includes a wider left shoulder to accommodate a future roadway widening within the service life of the new bridge. The proposed bridge under clearances will also be raised to meet current standards. The horizontal clearances between abutments will be increased at Ocean Heights Avenue and Mill Road.

The project has been divided into three (3) work staging areas and will maintain two (2)

travel lanes open at all times along the GSP (with the exception of allowable lane closure hours). Construction is anticipated to begin July 2020 and end June 2023. Traffic will be open on the Atlantic County Roads and shifted either north or south into the shoulder as construction progresses. Short-term (overnight) detours to allow existing bridge demolition, girder erection and utility relocation will be necessary. With the exception of Mill Road, all County roads will maintain traffic in both directions. Mill Road has insufficient width between the bridge abutments to maintain two directions of traffic during construction activities. Therefore, Mill Road eastbound will have a long-term detour for approximately 19 months while movement will be maintained on Mill Road westbound. Access will be maintained for the Lakeside Estates residential development.

The following regulatory permits are required for construction: The Cape Atlantic Soil Conservation District, New Jersey Department of Consumer Affairs (NJDCA), and the New Jersey Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) General Permit for Stormwater Discharges during construction. The NJTA is subject to the requirements of the New Jersey No Net Loss Reforestation Act, which requires to mitigate the loss of trees in excess of one-half acre. Reforestation will be approximately 5.5 acres. A reforestation plan was submitted to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and it is the NJTA's intent to mitigate the loss of these trees through direct monetary compensation to the NJDEP.

4.0 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Notice for the Public Hearing was published in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and *The Press of Atlantic City* on November 29, 2019. The written notice of the public hearing sent to the two (2) publications can be found in Appendix A and affidavits of publication can be found in Appendix B.

Invitation letters were sent to public officials and interested parties which provided notice of the PIC and Public Hearing. Copies of these letters can be found in Appendix C. A copy of the Public Hearing handout can be found in Appendix E.

5.0 PUBLIC HEARING

The official Public Hearing was held from 6:10 pm to 7:00 pm on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at the Egg Harbor Township Community Center, 5045 English Creek Avenue, Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey, 08234. It consisted of a formal presentation by the NJTA and Gannett Fleming Inc. The presentation was followed by oral comments from the public. 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 can be found in Appendix G.

6.0 PUBLIC HEARING ORAL COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

All comment responses are provided in this report. No responses were provided at the Public Hearing.

Public Comment #1:

Peter Miller (Egg Harbor Township, Township Administrator)

MR. MILLER: "Good evening. My name is Peter Miller. I'm the Township Administrator for Egg Harbor Township. The Township's major concern with the roadwork is the detour using Old Zion Road. The Township does not believe the condition of that roadway is going to last for the 19 months on the detour. So I request the detour be replaced. Old Zion Road is resurfaced between Spruce Avenue and Zion Road. There's several patches done by the utility companies, some resurfacing by the township. But the – that road is not even on the Township's five-year plan for resurfacing at this time. And our concern is with the additional volume of traffic on that road where the road is going to fail. And instead of waiting to the end to do something, we really would like you to consider resurfacing the roadway within two-weeks. Prior to the start of the detour."

RESPONSE: The NJTA has noted the concern and has included the resurfacing of Old Zion Road within the Township's jurisdiction, prior to the installation of the long-term detour. The resurfacing will be limited to a one-time milling, paving, and striping, to match existing conditions within the existing footprint of Old Zion Road.

Also, refer to Section 7.0 for Written Comment #1 provided by Mr. Miller and the NJTA's response.

Public Comment #2:

Dale Foster

MR. FOSTER: "No, not at this time. Thanks"

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

Public Comment #3:

Thomas Madamba

MR. MADAMBA: "Hello everybody. My name is Thomas Madamba. I live at 802 Jonathon Court, Lakeside Estates. I knew that this development was going to come up, because we've all seen it when they destroyed all the trees down the parkway. It was just time. You know, I put in once before when they were going to do this widening. Our development is, you know, in one of the last built developments on Pinelands and Wetlands. So we ran into a lot of problems with this development. We're responsible for the dam that canals underneath it from Mill Road to Zion and through to Bargaintown. I remember that canal very well. So now that this widening is being done, we have to also worry about what's going to happen on Mill Road. You're saying you're going to widen it and lengthen the expansion for the Parkway, but that doesn't relieve what's going to happen underneath. Unless you correct that too, it's just going to impede and make things worse again that are already worse as time went on and the developments in the area got developed. That's a main contributing runoff. That canal that you're going to dig up, I'm a little bit concerned, because we used to have a water station that was part of the water company and they did away with it and it ran on Mill Road. That water station went bad for some reason and they did away with it. The water company is right on the opposite side of the Parkway. As this was going on they've already cut a new waterline in the center of the Parkway. So it was just a matter of time that this work was going to be done. So my biggest thing is our drinking water, the silt that's going to come from it, possibly go downstream into Bargaintown and the contamination factors, because that's right there. We have eagles, we got hawks, we got flying squirrels. You're in a major area. We're responsible for that dam there. The State's never picked up the bill. We pay an exorbitant amount of association fee to maintain our development. Now you're going to widen it, congest it? I mean, they laughed at us when we asked for a sound wall. So, I mean, those are my things that I'm concerned about. The easement, especially, you used to be able to walk underneath there. Now you're putting your life in your hands. That's about it. Thank you."

RESPONSE:

In regards to the space along Mill Road and under the GSP Bridges comment, the proposed abutments on each side will be set back approximately 7 feet from the existing abutments. The existing barriers will be removed and proposed guide rail will be installed. The space between the proposed guide rail and proposed abutments will include a grass and/or a berm surfacing treatment. The proposed roadside area, including shoulder and berm, will be approximately 10 feet in each direction, which is 7 feet greater than the existing condition.

In regards to the GSP widening and congestion comment, in the vicinity of Mill Road, the GSP will be widened to the inside (i.e., median side) of the Northbound and Southbound directions, and no additional encroachment toward the Lakeside Estates property is proposed. The project is adding standard width shoulders on the GSP.

In regards to the waterline comment, the existing water main along Mill Road will be protected during construction. A portion of the waterline in conflict with the bridge foundation will be relocated further away from the foundation. The relocation will be in accordance with New Jersey American Water design and construction standards. In regards to the canal comment, the existing 16' x 5' Box Culvert that conveys water from Patcong Lake under the GSP will not be excavated or modified. Only minor concrete spall repairs will be performed.

Additional surface runoff caused by this Contract is minimal, and adverse off-site hydraulic impacts are not anticipated. A detailed stormwater analysis was conducted for this project, which included the existing 16'x5' box culvert/lined channel system. The environmental permits were secured in November 2008, and the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plans were certified in February 2020.

In regards to concerns with siltation, a comprehensive Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan was developed for this project, which will minimize constructionrelated erosion/siltation impacts along the project corridor. This Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan was also recently certified by the Cape Atlantic Soil Conservation District in February 2020.

In regards to dam owned and maintained by the Lakeside Estates development, no additional runoff will be introduced to Patcong Lake, which will result in no additional hydraulic loading on the associated dam. The associated dam itself is outside the project limits and will not be impacted.

In regards to the tree clearing associated with this project, please note that it is being conducted in accordance with the New Jersey Forestry Service's No Net Loss Reforestation requirements, and associated timing restrictions will be imposed on when the tree clearing can take place, in order to protect various threatened and/or endangered species.

7.0 WRITTEN COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

Blank comment forms were available at the registration desk during the PIC to provide written comments. The comment period was open until February 15, 2020. All comment responses are provided in this report.

Written Comment #1:

Peter Miller

MR. MILLER: "On December 17, 2019, a public hearing was held at the Egg Harbor Township Community Center on the above captioned project.

During the public hearing, I spoke on behalf of the Township requesting NJTA to improve Old Zion Road prior to commencement of the eighteen (18) month detour. Old Zion Road is a municipal roadway and will not be able to withstand the volume of traffic the detour will generate. This additional volume will cause structural failure to Old Zion Road at some point during the detour.

The Township requested it's municipal engineer to prepare a cost estimate for improving Old Zion Road in advance of the detour route commencing. I have enclosed his estimate for your review and consideration. The Township believes the cost estimate of \$324,500 is nominal, when included in the overall cost of your project.

This letter is being submitted to supplement my oral testimony of December 17, 2019. I have enclosed a copy of the municipal engineer's estimate for Old Zion Road."

Appendix H contains the complete letter from Mr. Peter Miller, including the referenced cost estimate.

RESPONSE: The NJTA has noted the concern and has included the resurfacing of Old Zion Road within the Township's jurisdiction, prior to the installation of the long-term detour. The resurfacing will be limited to milling, paving, and striping of the roadway to match existing conditions within the existing footprint of Old Zion Road prior to implementation of the detour. No additional work will be performed after the detour is removed. Other improvements to Old Zion Road as requested in the letter will not be performed. The maintenance and jurisdiction of Old Zion Road shall remain the responsibility of Egg Harbor Township for the duration of the resurfacing activity and detour. Appendix H includes a written response from NJTA to Mr. Miller.

APPENDIX A Notice of Public Hearing

NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT NO. P200.252 Shoulder Widening of the Garden State Parkway Milepost 30 to 35

Egg Harbor Township and Somers Point, ATLANTIC COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the New Jersey Turnpike Authority (the "Authority") will hold a Public Hearing in compliance with Executive Order 172 for the purpose of taking public comment on the proposed project, which includes widening of the northbound and southbound left and right shoulders of the Garden State Parkway (GSP), reconstruction of eight (8) GSP mainline bridges over local roadways, construction of stormwater management facilities, roadside area improvements, and utility relocations (the "Project"). The Project will also lengthen the acceleration and deceleration lanes for the GSP Interchange 30 northbound entrance and southbound exit and upgrade the existing roadway lighting at Interchange 30 to meet current standards. Additionally, improvements to meet current standards will be implemented.

Pursuant to Executive Order 172, the Authority will present the improvements that are proposed to be undertaken. In addition, in accordance with the New Jersey No Net Loss Reforestation Act, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 13:1L-14.2 et seq., the Authority will present information concerning the proposed reforestation effort associated with the Project.

The Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 beginning with an Information Center at 4:00 p.m., followed by a presentation at 6:00 p.m. in the Egg Harbor Township Community Center located at 5045 English Creek Avenue, Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey.

The purpose of the hearing is to inform the public about the Project and to solicit comments. Representatives of the Authority will be available at the hearing to discuss the Project. The opportunity for the public to present oral and/or written comments concerning the Project will be provided. Following the presentation at 6:00 p.m., members of the public will have the opportunity to offer oral or written comments. All comments received, oral or written, will be responded to in a written Public Hearing Report.

Written comments may also be submitted to the Authority prior to the hearing and until February 15, 2020 which is the official closing date of the comment period. Written comments should be addressed to:

Sima K. Jasani, Hearing Officer New Jersey Turnpike Authority P.O. Box 5042 Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095-5042

> JOHN M. KELLER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

APPENDIX B Affidavits of Publications

Proof of Publication in The Philadelphia Inquirer Under Act. No 160, P.L. 877, July 9, 1976

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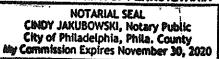
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29th day of November, 2019.

Notary Public

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APPENDIX C

Letters Sent to Public Officials and Interested Parties



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November 26, 2019

Dennis Levinson Atlantic County Executive 1333 Atlantic Ave., 8th Floor Atlantic City, NJ 08401

> RE: New Jersey Turnpike Authority Notice of Public Hearing – December 17, 2019 Construction Contract No. P200.252 Shoulder Widening of the Garden State Parkway Milepost 30 to 35 Egg Harbor Township and Somers Point, Atlantic County

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The Authority invites and encourages you to attend the Public Hearing. If you have any questions or comments, you may contact the Authority's Project Engineer and Manager, Sima Jasani, at (732) 750-5300, Ext. 8219.

Very truly yours,

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Robert J. Carroll, Esq. Director of Law

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J. Lawrence Williams, P.E., Deputy Chief Engineer (w/att.)
Lamis T. Malak, P.E., Supervising Engineer (w/att.)
Sima K. Jasani, P.E., Project Engineer (w/att.)
Thomas Feeney, Media Relations Coordinator (w/att.)

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Mr. Mark V. Shourds Atlantic County Engineer P.O. Box 719 New Road & Dolphin Avenue Northfield, NJ 08225

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The Honorable Paul W. Hodson Mayor, Egg Harbor Township 3515 Bargaintown Road Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234

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Eileen M. Tedesco, Clerk Township of Egg Harbor 3515 Bargaintown Road Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234

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John Lazzara, President Lakeside Estates Condominium Community 117 Bayberry Avenue Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234

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APPENDIX E Public Hearing Handout

Public Hearing Rules

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- 1. Everyone wishing to speak must register at the desk located at the entrance to the meeting room.
- 2. Speakers will be called in the order in which they registered, except for public officials who will be given priority.
- 3. Speakers are asked to state their full name and address, and spell their last name. All comments will be recorded by the Certified Court Reporter.
- 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.
- 5. The public hearing will end when all those registered to comment have done so.

The record shall remain open for sixty (60) days after the hearing, until February 15, 2020, and any additional comments must be submitted in writing. There is no limit on the length of written comments. Written comments shall be submitted to:

Sima K. Jasani, P.E., Hearing Officer New Jersey Turnpike Authority, P.O. Box 5042 Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095

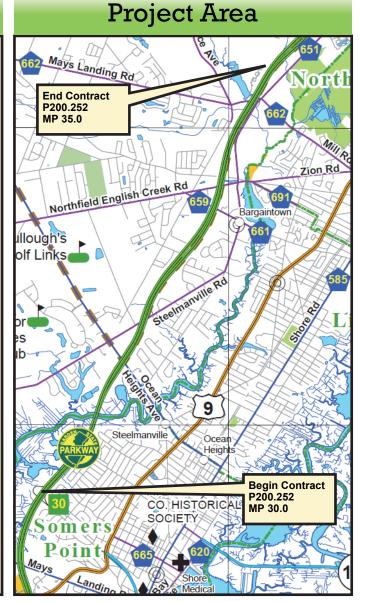
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New Jersey's No Net Loss Reforestation Act

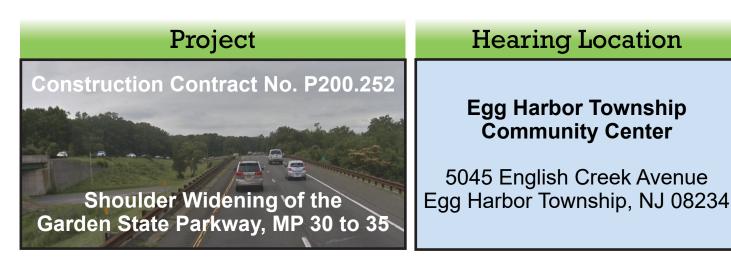
As part of this Public Hearing and in accordance with New Jersey Statutes Section 13:1L-14.4, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority (a state entity who owns and maintains the Garden State Parkway) is conducting a public forum to present its plan for deforestation and plan for reforestation of an area at least one acre in size associated with the Garden State Parkway Shoulder Widening from Milepost 30 to 35.

Construction Schedule

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Pre-Stage 1																
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Stages 1 & 2 - MP 31.0-32.8																
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Public Hearing Agenda

- Introduction of Purpose & Need Sima K. Jasani, P.E. Project Engineer, Highway Design Hearing Officer, NJTA
- Description of Improvements
- Reforestation
- Public Comment

New Jersey Turnpike Authority Public Hearing

December 17, 2019

Public Information Center: 4:00 - 6:00 PM Public Hearing and Presentation: 6:00 PM

Robert B. Matthews, P.E. Gannett Fleming, Inc.

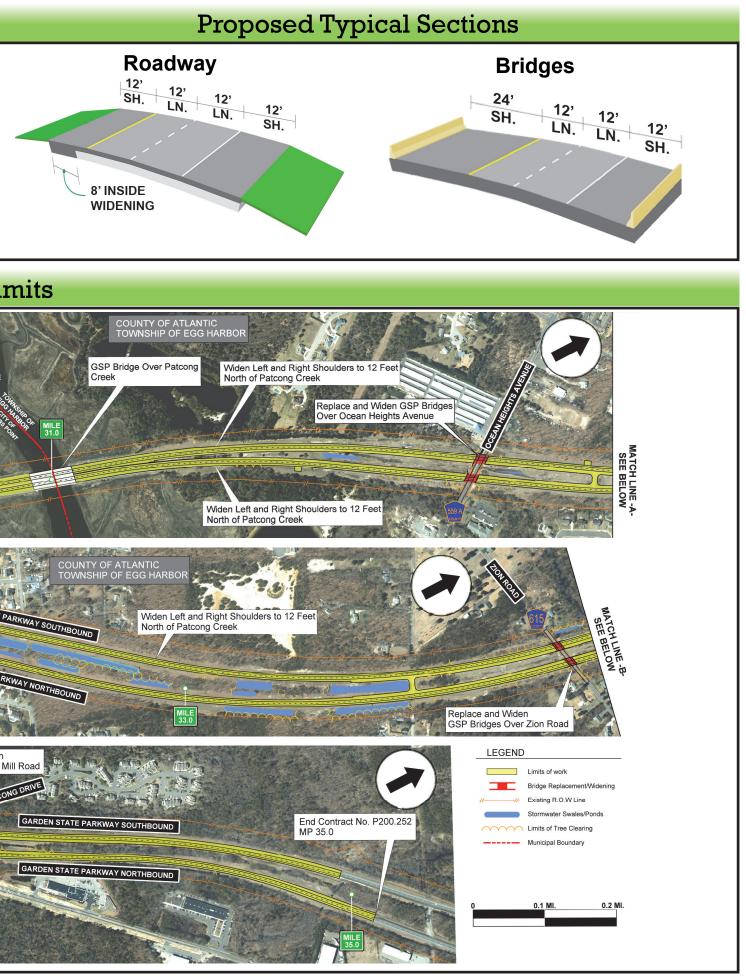
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Project Description

This project will widen the northbound (NB) and southbound (SB) left and right shoulders of the Garden State Parkway (GSP), reconstruct eight (8) GSP mainline bridges over local roadways, construct stormwater management facilities, roadside area improvements, and utility relocations. The improvements will also lengthen the acceleration and deceleration lanes for the GSP Interchange 30 NB entrance and SB exit and upgrade the standards. Additionally, improvements to meet current standards will be implemented. All improvements will be completed within the approved limits of the GSP 30 to 80 Widening Program Permits.

The proposed roadway typical sections will include 12-foot left and right shoulders on the GSP mainline north of Patcong Creek. Also, GSP NB and SB mainline bridges over the following Atlantic County roadways will be reconstructed: Ocean Heights Avenue (CR 559A), Steelmanville Road (CR 651), Zion Road (CR 615), and Mill Road (CR 662). The proposed bridge typical section includes a wider left shoulder to accommodate a future existing roadway lighting at Interchange 30 to meet current roadway widening within the service life of the new bridge. The proposed bridge underclearances will also be raised to meet current standards. The horizontal clearances between abutments will be increased at Ocean Heights Avenue and Mill Road.



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Project Limits

APPENDIX F Transcript of Proceedings of Public Hearing

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A P P E A R A N C E S: ROBERT B. MATTHEWS, P.E. Gannett Fleming, Inc.

1	HEARING OFFICER JASANI: Good
2	evening and welcome. Today we are gathered for
З	the Public Hearing of the New Jersey Turnpike
4	Authority's Construction Contract, Number
5	P200.252, Shoulder Widening of the Garden State
6	Parkway, Milepost 30 to 35. My name is Sima
7 :	Jasani. I'm the New Jersey Turnpike Authority
8	Project Manager for these improvements. It is
9	now 6:10 p.m. on Tuesday, December 17, 2019. I
10	will be the hearing officer for these
11	proceedings. Thank you for participating.
12	This hearing is being conducted
13	pursuant to Executive Order Number 172, and the
14	format of this hearing will follow its
15	requirements. Additionally, in accordance with
16	the New Jersey No Net Loss Reforestation Act, the
17	Authority will present information concerning the
18	proposed reforestation effort associated with the
19	Project. The purpose of this hearing is for the
20	Authority to receive your opinions,
21	recommendations, suggestions and comments
22	regarding the project and to review and address
23	reforestation within the project limits.
24	Today's public hearing will begin
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improvements by representatives of the Authority. 1 After the presentation, public officials and then 2 members of the public will be given the 3 opportunity to provide comments for the record as 4 5 You may also find this information on follows. the handout under "Public Hearing Rules", which 6 7 is in the back of the flier. Anyone who wishes to speak should 8 register at the table located at the entrance of 9 the auditorium. Please provide all necessary 10 11 information listed on the form. Public Officials who have registered 12 to speak will be given the opportunity to speak 13 You will be afforded 10 minutes. Then, 14first. members of the public who wish to speak will be 15 16 given an opportunity to speak. They will be Please keep in mind, that afforded fave minutes. 17 the comment session is not intended to be a 18 question and answer period. 19 The proceedings are being recorded by 20 a certified court reporter. When you speak, 21 please state your name, spell your last name and 22 state your town of residence loudly and clearly 23 so the court reporter can hear you. 24 You have the option of providing 25

1 written comments using forms located on the registration table. 2 The written comments will be 3 entered into the record. So now to begin the presentation. 4 5 So the presenters today will be myself and Mr. 6 Robert Matthews from Gannett Fleming, who is the 7 Consultant Project Manager for the Shoulder Widening Project. Gannett Fleming is the 8 Consultant responsible for the design of the 9 improvements. Additionally, we'll have the 10 11 following representatives of the Authority to assist this evening. 12 Mr. Shawn Taylor, from the New Jersey 13 Turnpike Authority, Director of Community and 14 15 Government Relations. Mr. Larry Williams, from the New 16 Jersey Turnpike Authority, Deputy Chief Engineer $\cdot 17$ 18 Design. Ms. Lamis Malak, from the New Jersey 19 Turnpike Authority, Supervising Engineer. 20 21 And Mr. Peter Kuhne, from Atkins North America, Project Manager. 22 23 The agenda for this presentation will include the following: 24 25 * Introduction and Purpose & Need of

1 the project. 2 * Description of the Proposed 3 Improvements. * Reforestation. 4 5 * Cost and schedule. 6 * Summary of the Public Comments 7 Period. 8 * And, finally, we will open the 9 floor for public comments. 10 For Introduction and Purpose & Need. 11 Contract Number P200.252, Shoulder Widening of the Garden State Parkway Milepost 30 to 35 12 13 provides for the construction of standard width 14 left and right shoulders, multiple bridge 15 replacements, drainage and various roadside area 16 improvements. 17 All of the proposed improvements included within this project will be kept to 18 19 within the Garden State Parkway Right-of-Way. 20 The Environmental Permits secured for 21 Contract P200.252 were obtained in November of 2008. 22 23 Currently, Contract Number P200.252 24 is in the final design phase. This Contract is 25 anticipated to be advertised in January 2020,

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1	with a general construction start in July 2020.
2	I would now like to ask Mr. Robert
3	Matthews, Project Manager for the Shoulder
4	Widening project, to come forward and discuss the
5	proposed improvements.
6	MR. MATTHEWS: Thank you, Sima. The
7	proposed project improvements include widening
8	the northbound/southbound Garden State Parkway
9	left shoulders and right shoulders to 12 feet.
10	There will also be a reconstruction of the eight
11	Garden State Parkway bridges that go over the
12	four Atlantic County roads. Lengthening of the
13	Interchange 30 acceleration and deceleration
14	lanes, as well as upgrading the Interchange 30
15	roadway lighting. We will be constructing
16	stormwater management facilities, roadside area
17	improvements. Utility relocations will be
18	required and miscellaneous safety improvements.
19	The proposed typical sections, which
20	are available in the back of the room and to the
21	right of myself, include the roadway widening on
22	the roadway section, which includes a 12-foot
23	shoulder, as well as on the eight bridges, a
24	24-foot left shoulder which allows for the any
25	future expansion within the service service
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2	The proposed improvements, again,
3	they go from Interchange 30 to the south to
4	Milepost 35 to the north. Those boards are also
5	in the back of the room and to my right. A
6	little bit closer look at Interchange 30, there
7	is the acceleration lane improvements and
8	deceleration lane improvements, as well as the
9	stormwater management facilities that you see in
10	blue in the median area.
11	The bridge replacements, as I
12	mentioned, the 24-foot wide left shoulder will
13	accommodate any future roadway widening so that
14	it happens within the same service life of the
15	new bridges. We will be increasing the
16	underclearance at three of the roadways, Ocean
17	Heights, Steelmanville Road and Zion Road to
18	16-foot minimum, and at Mill Road to a 14-foot-6
19	inch minimum, vertical clearance. We will also
20	be increasing the horizontal clearance between
21	the proposed abutment at Ocean Heights Avenue and
22	Mill Road. This is a plan of the bridge
23	improvements. As you could see in the blue area
24	we're widening the median to the median side
25	for the shoulder improvements. We're increasing
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5 From a maintenance and protection of traffic standpoint, we have divided the work up 6 7 into three specific areas. Work Area 1 in red is the area between Interchange 30 and the Patcong 8 Creek Bridge. 9 Work Area 2 is from just north of the Patcong Creek Bridge to Milepost 32.8. 10 And 11 Work Area 3 is for Milepost 32.8 to Milepost 35. We have broken that up into three specific work 12 areas to divide the work to allow for a logical 13 work zone area for the contractor to make sure 14 that we're not exceeding 10,000 linear feet of 15 16 continuous construction barrier along the Garden State Parkway at any one time. And to make -- and 17 18 we will be maintaining two lanes of traffic on the Garden State Parkway during construction. 19 There will be -- the exception to that would be 20 21 where the lane closures are allowed per the 22 Authority's Manual.

23 # The maintenance and protection traffic on the local roads, and this is just a 24 typical layout, essentially at Ocean Heights, 25

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1	Steelmanville and Zion. In order to construct
2	the improvements, we will maintain the two-way ϵ
З	traffic at each of those three locations during
4	construction. We will do that by shifting
5	traffic tomeither the north or to the south based
6	on the type of construction that is happening on
7	the bridge above. There will be on those
8	three roads, there will be the need for
9	short-term overnight detours in order to perform
10	certain types of construction, demolition, and
11	erection and various types of utility relocation.
12	Those short-term detours are in the plans that we
13	have available in the rear, if someone would like
14	to see that.
15	We do have a long-term detour that is
16	proposed at Mill Road. Mill Road eastbound will
17	be detoured in order to construct the
18	improvements. We will maintain the westbound
19	movement. And that detour, the plan to be in
20	place for approximately 19 months. This is a
21	plan of detour. You could see that the detour
22	takes you to Old Zion Road, to Zion Road, back to
23	Fire Road. We will maintain access to Lakeside
24	Estates, which is on Mill Road. They will have
25	the ability to get in and out of their driveway
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on Patcong Drive; however, they will not be able
to drive eastbound on Mill Road underneath the
Garden State Parkway.

4 We will require construction permits, 5 including a Cape Atlantic Soil Conservation District Certification, a New Jersey DCA permit, 6 7 which is related to the lighting improvements at 8 Interchange 30, specifically, for the new electrical service that is required for that 9 10 electrical lighting that's going into the 11 building at the toll plaza. And also a NJPDES general permits for stormwater discharge during 12 13 construction.

14 Another reason that we are here tonight is to talk about reforestation -- of this 15 16 public hearing to address reforestation. Trees 17 will be cleared as part of the Milepost 30 to 35 18 shoulder widening. The construction of the 19 proposed stormwater treatment basin requires more 20 clearing than what was completed previously in 21 2011. New Jersey Turnpike Authority is subject 22 to the requirements of the News Jersey No Net Loss 23 Reforestation Act. As such, it is required by 24 law to mitigate the loss of trees in excess of 25 one-half acre. A reforestation plan will be

submitted to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection later this year. The reforestation is, approximately, 5.5 acres. It is the Authority's intent to mitigate for the loss of these trees through direct monetary compensation to the NJDEP. DEP is responsible to utilize these monies in tree planting programs within the project boundaries. And additional maps are provided here to my right at the front of the room for inspection by anybody that would like to look at it. The project construction cost is estimated between 75 and 85 million dollars. Anticipated construction schedule is between July of 2020 and June of 2023. This would be done with staged construction: Various mileposts would be constructed at different stages as shown on the chart apove. It's the intent of the Authority to complete these in an expeditious manner, but this is the proposed schedule at this time. And now I'll turn it back to Sima to finish the public hearing. HEARING OFFICER JASANI: Thank you, Robert. Sb for summary of public and comment		
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1 forgot to check.

HEARING OFFICER JASANI: I understand.

4 MR. MILLER: Good evening. My name 5 is Peter Miller. I'm the township administrator 6 for Egg Harbor Township. The township's major 7 concern with the roadwork is the detour using Old 8 Zion Road. The township does not believe the condition of that roadway is going to last for 19 9 months on the detour. So I request the detour be 10 replaced. Old Zion Road is resurfaced between 11 Spruce Avenue and Zion Road. There's several 12 13 patches done by the utility companies, some 14 resurfacing by the township. But the -- that road is not even on the township's five-year plan 15 16 for resurfacing at this time. And our concern is with the additional volume of 17 18 traffic on that road where the road is going to And instead of waiting to the end to do 19 fail. 20 something, we really would like you to consider resurfacing the roadway within two-weeks. 21 Prior to the start of the detour. Thank you. 22 23 HEARING OFFICER JASANI: Thank you

24 Mr. Miller. Okay. So now I guess we'll move on 25 to general public. First on the list is Mr.

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Dale Foster. Would you like to come up and make 1 2 a statement? No, not at this time. 3 MR. FOSTER: 4 Thanks. 5 HEARING OFFICER JASANI: Moving on. Next on the list, Thomas Madamba. 6 MR. MADAMBA: Hello everybody. 7 My . I live at 802 Jonathon 8 name is Thomas Madamba. Court, Lakeside Estates. I knew that this 9 10 development was going to come up, because we've 11 all seen it when they destroyed all the trees It was just time. You know, I 12 down the Parkway. put in once before when they were going to do 13 this widening. 1415Our development is, you know, is one of the last built developments on Pinelands and 16 Wetlands. So we ran into a lot of problems with 17 this development. We're responsible for the dam 18 19that canals underneath it from Mill Road to Zion 20 and through to Bargaintown. I remember that canal very well. So now that this widening is 21 22 being done; we have to also worry about what's going to happen on Mill Road. You're saying that 23 you're going to widen it and lengthen the 24 25 expansion for the Parkway, but that doesn't

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	Jeans of may off, in a litter bit concerned,
8	because we used to have a water station that was
9	part of the water company and they did away with
10	it and it ran on Mill Road. That water station
11	went bad for some reason and they did away with
12	it. The water company is right on the opposite
13	side of the Parkway. As this was going on,
14	they've already cut a new waterline in the center
15	of the Parkway. So it was just a matter of time
16	that this work was going to be done.
17	So my biggest thing is our drinking
18	water, the silt that's going to come from it,
19	possibly go downstream into Bargaintown and the
20	contamination factors, because that's right
21	there. We have eagles, we got hawks, we got
22	flying squarrels. You're in a major area.
23	We're responsible for that dam there. The
24	State's never picked up the bill. We pay an
25	exorbitant amount of association fee to maintain
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1 our development. Now you're going to widen it, 2 congest it? I mean, they laughed at us when we 3 asked for a sound wall. So, I mean, those are my things that I'm concerned about. The easement, 4 5 especially, you used to be able to walk 6 underneath there. Now you're putting your life 7 in your hands. That's about it. Thank you. 8 • HEARING OFFICER JASANI: Thank you. 9 So we don't have anyone else that is signed up. MR. MILLER: Sima, could somebody 10 11 give an explanation how you're dealing with the drainage structure that that man just talked that 12 13 goes under the Parkway? HEARING OFFICER JASANI: 14 Yeah, I think during the comment period, we'll just take 15 16 the comments, but we can ---You're going to address 17 MR. MILLER: 18 it in the comments? 19 HEARING OFFICER JASANI: Yes, we'll definitely be addressing these comments in the 20 21 report, which will be provided a copy to you to -- at some point. Yes, definitely, we will 22 23 provide a response. 24 MR. MILLER: Okay. 25 HEARING OFFICER JASANI: Other than

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1	that, is there anyone else who wishes to speak?
2	The comment period will be open until seven. So
3	we're still here if you would like to provide
4	oral comments, we'll leave it open for another
5	half an hour. Other than that just please let
6	us know if you do want to.
7	(Whereupon there was a brief recess.)
8	HEARING OFFICER JASANI: So, hello,
9	it is now "p.m. The hearing is now closed. A
10	Hearing Report will be prepared by the Authority
11	and will be available for the public. I want to
12	thank everyone for attending.
13	(Concluded at 7:00 p.m.)
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APPENDIX G Public Hearing Presentation





PUBLIC HEARING Shoulder Widening of the Garden State Parkway Milepost 30 to 35

New Jersey Turnpike Authority December 17, 2019 Egg Harbor Township Community Center – Egg Harbor Township, NJ



Public Hearing Agenda

Introduction and Purpose & Need	Sima K. Jasani, P.E. Project Engineer, Highway Design New Jersey Turnpike Authority
Description of Proposed Improvements Reforestation Cost and Schedule	Robert B. Matthews, P.E. Project Manager Gannett Fleming, Inc.
Summary of Public Comment Period	Sima K. Jasani, P.E. Project Engineer, Highway Design New Jersey Turnpike Authority
Public Comment	Open



Introduction and Purpose & Need

- Contract No. P200.252 Improvements
 - Shoulder Widening (Standard Left & Right Shoulders)
 - Multiple Bridge Replacements
 - Drainage and Roadside Area Improvements
- Improvements will be kept within the Garden State Parkway (GSP) Right-of-Way
- Environmental Permits were obtained in November 2008
- Status of Project
 - Final Design Phase
 - Advertised in January 2020
 - General Construction Start in July 2020

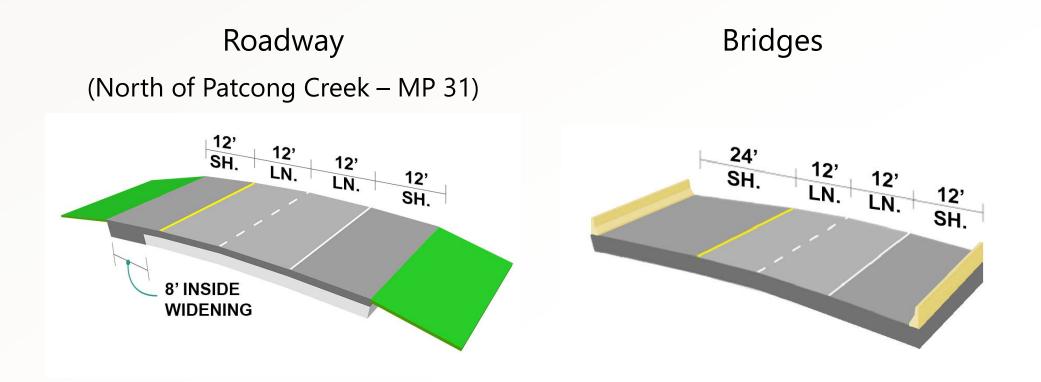


Project Improvements

- Widen NB and SB right and left shoulders north of Patcong Creek (MP 30) to 12 feet
- Reconstruct eight (8) GSP bridges over Atlantic County roads
- Lengthen Interchange 30 acceleration and deceleration lanes
- Upgrade Interchange 30 lighting
- Construct stormwater management facilities
- Roadside area improvements
- Utility relocations
- Misc. safety improvements

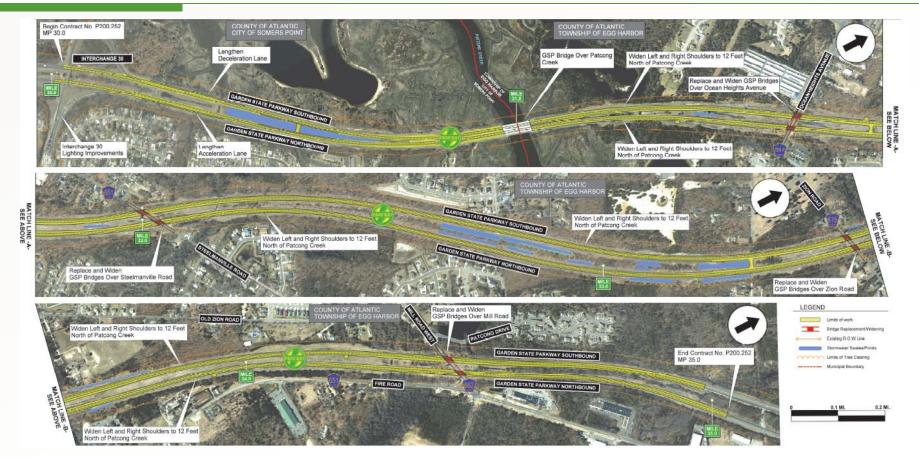
Proposed Typical Sections





Project Improvements





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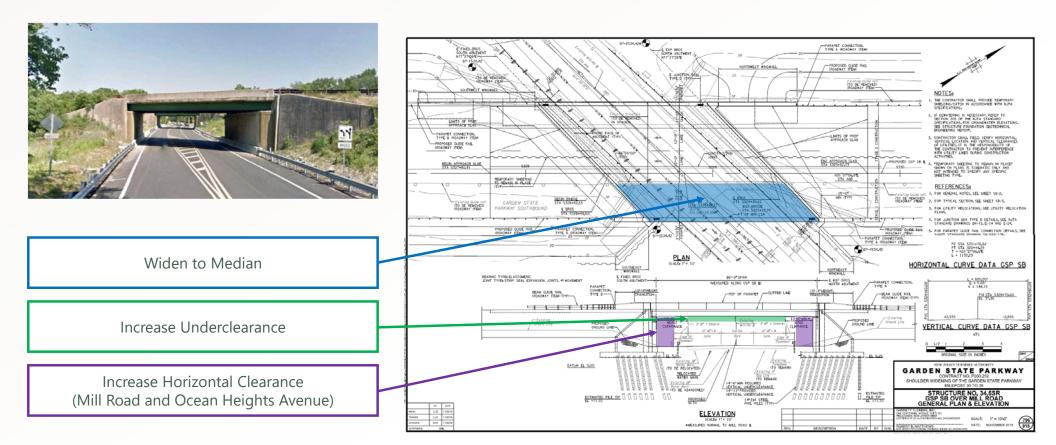
Acceleration/Deceleration Lane Lengthening



Bridge Replacements

- Provide 24-foot wide left shoulder to accommodate future roadway widening within service life of new bridges
- Increase underclearances to meet current standards
 - 16'-0" minimum for Ocean Heights Avenue, Steelmanville Road, Zion Road
 - 14'-6" minimum for Mill Road
- Increase horizontal clearances between proposed abutments at Ocean Heights Avenue and Mill Road

Bridge Replacements



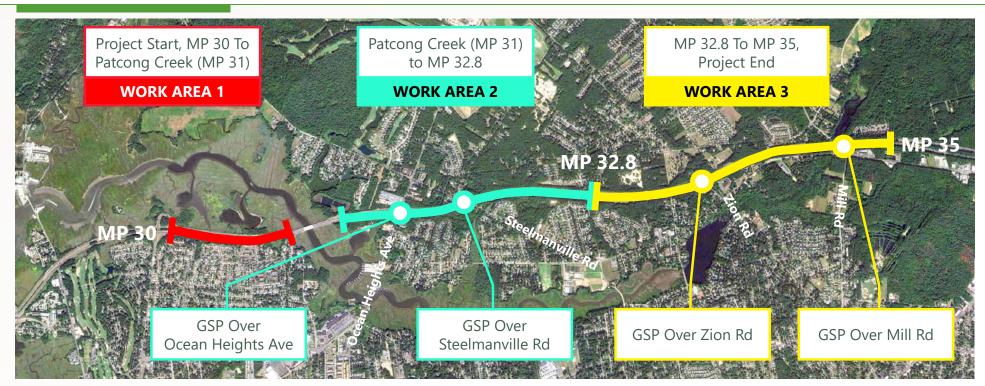
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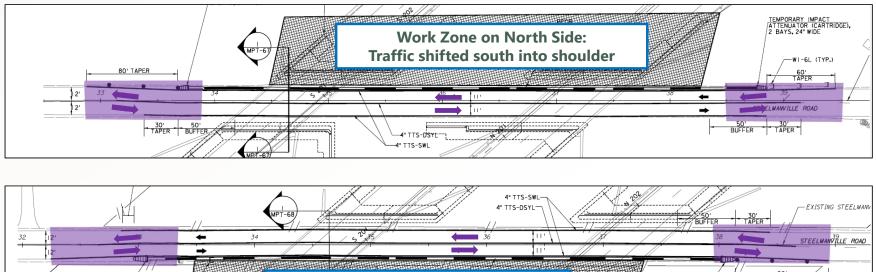
- 3 Work Areas along GSP
- Maintain 2 Lanes at All Times along GSP (with Exception of Allowable Lane Closure Hours)



Maintenance and Protection of Traffic

Typical MPT Layout along County Roads

Ocean Heights Avenue, Steelmanville Road, Zion Road







Detours

- Short-Term (Overnight) Detours
 - All 4 Atlantic County Roadways
 - Existing Bridge Demolition, Girder Erection, Utility Relocations

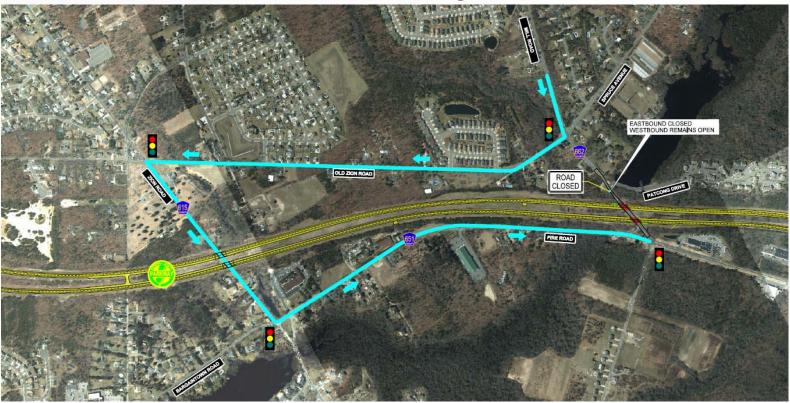
Long-Term Detour

- Mill Road Eastbound
- Approximately 19 months

Detours



Mill Road Eastbound Long-Term Detour





Construction Permits

- Cape Atlantic Soil Conservation District Certification
- NJ DCA
- NJPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges during Construction



Reforestation

- Subject to New Jersey No Net Loss Reforestation Act
- Required to mitigate the loss of trees in excess of one-half acre
- Approximately 5.5 Acres of deforestation will occur
- Reforestation Plan submitted to New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP)
- Authority's intent to mitigate the loss of these trees through direct monetary compensation to the NJDEP.



Cost and Schedule

- Estimated Construction Cost \$75 \$85 Million
- Anticipated Construction Schedule July 2020 to June 2023

	2020			2021			2022			2023						
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Pre-Stage 1																
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Stages 1 & 2 - MP 31.0-32.8																
Stages 1 & 2 - MP 32.8-35.0																
Stage 3																



Summary of Public Comment Period

- Oral Comments
 - Register at the table
 - Public Officials (10 minutes each)
 - Members of the Public (5 minutes each)
- Written Comments will be accepted until February 15, 2020
- Public Hearing Report
 - Answers to oral and written comments will be provided
 - Copies will be provided to Atlantic County, Egg Harbor Township, and City of Somers Point



PUBLIC HEARING

NJTA Contract No. P200.252, Shoulder Widening of the Garden State Parkway Milepost 30 to 35

Public Comments

APPENDIX H Written Comments Received



Township of Egg Karbor

3515 BARGAINTOWN ROAD, EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, NJ 08234-8321

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Ms. Sima K. Jasani, P.E. Project Engineer New Jersey Turnpike Authority PO Box 5042 Woodbridge, NJ 07095

Dear Ms. Jasani:

Re: Construction Contract No. P200.252 Shoulder Widening of the Garden State Parkway Mile Post 30 to 35 Township of Egg Harbor

On December 17, 2019, a public hearing was held at the Egg Harbor Township Community Center on the above captioned project.

During the public hearing, I spoke on behalf of the Township requesting NJTA to improve Old Zion Road prior to commencement of the eighteen (18) month detour. Old Zion Road is a municipal roadway and will not be able to withstand the volume of traffic the detour will generate. This additional volume will cause structural failure to Old Zion Road at some point during the detour.

The Township requested it's municipal engineer to prepare a cost estimate for improving Old Zion Road in advance of the detour route commencing. I have enclosed his estimate for your review and consideration. The Township believes the cost estimate of \$324,500 is nominal, when included in the overall cost of your project.

This letter is being submitted to supplement my oral testimony of December 17, 2019. I have enclosed a copy of the municipal engineer's estimate for Old Zion Road.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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Peter J. Miller Township Administrator

Enclosure

C: Township Committee Lamis T. Lakak, P.E., NJHA Shawn Taylor, NJHA Robert B. Matthews, P.E., Garrett Fleming, Inc. David Nemeth, P.E., Garret Fleming, Inc. 3122 Fire Road, Suite 201 Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234 (609) 569-1551 Phone (609) 569-1521 Fax

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PROJECT:	Old Zion Egg Harbor	Township, A	lantic County, New Jersey	PRELIMINARY CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATE						
SUBJECT:	Construction	n Cost Estima	le							
CALC:	PJW	DATE:	12/18/2019	S	IEET NO:	1 of 1				
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4	HMA Millin	g, 2" Thick		12,200	SY	\$5.00	\$61,00			
5			Course, Mix 12.5M64, 2" Thick	1,465	TON	\$80.00	\$117,20			
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7	Traffic Stripe	es		16,800	LF	\$1.00	\$16,8			
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	Hydroseed			1,000	SY	\$2.00		\$2,000.		
11						TOTAL		\$324,500.		

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March 3, 2020

Mr. Peter J. Miller Township Administrator Egg Harbor Township 3515 Bargaintown Road Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234

RE: Construction Contract No. P200.252 Shoulder Widening of the Garden State Parkway, Milepost 30 to 35 Response to Old Zion Road Pre-Paving Request

Dear Mr. Miller:

We are in receipt of your letter dated January 14, 2020, requesting the Authority to resurface Old Zion Road, which is within the jurisdiction of Egg Harbor Township, prior to installation of the subject contract's long-term eastbound detour of Mill Road (County Route 662). The letter received from you is a written follow-up request to your oral comments provided at the Public Hearing for the subject contract, held on December 17, 2019.

As you are aware, the long-term eastbound detour of Mill Road will require traffic traveling eastbound on Mill Road (County Route 662) to turn onto Old Zion Road, Zion Road (County Route 615), and then Bargaintown Road (County Route 651). You noted in your oral testimony at the Public Hearing that recent utility relocations along Old Zion Road have left the existing roadway pavement in subpar condition. You noted concern that the existing pavement may not hold up for the length of the detour, with additional diverted traffic traveling onto this roadway. You requested that the NJTA resurface this roadway, prior to installing the long-term detour, to ensure a sound paved surface that will hold up to the additional traffic.

The NJTA has noted your concern and has included the resurfacing of Old Zion Road within the Township's jurisdiction, prior to the installation of the long-term detour. The resurfacing will be limited to a one-time milling, paving, and striping, to match existing conditions within the existing footprint of Old Zion Road. Other improvements to Old Zion Road included in your letter will not be performed. The maintenance and jurisdiction of Old Zion Road shall remain the responsibility of Egg Harbor Township for the duration of the resurfacing activity and detour.

The NJTA appreciates the Township's input and participation with this matter. Please contact the undersigned, should you require additional information.

Mr. Peter J. Miller, Township Administrator Egg Harbor Township March 3, 2020 Page 2

We look forward to continuing to coordinate with Egg Harbor Township during the construction phase of the Shoulder Widening contract.

Sincerely,

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Sima K. Jasani, P.E. Project Engineer

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