NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT NO. P100.476

Superstructure Replacement and Widening of Bridge No. 158.2 Garden State Parkway Bridge over Passaic River, US Route 46. and River Drive

City of Clifton, PASSAIC COUNTY and Borough of Elmwood Park, BERGEN COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the New Jersey Turnpike Authority (the "Authority") will hold a Public Hearing in compliance with Executive Order 172 (Kean 1987) for the purpose of taking public comment on the proposed Superstructure Replacement and Widening of Garden State Parkway (GSP) Bridge over Passaic River, US Route 46, and River Drive Project located in the City of Clifton, Passaic County and the Borough of Elmwood Park, Bergen County (the "Project").

The eight span GSP Bridge that carries northbound and southbound traffic was constructed in 1955 and originally carried two lanes in each direction. It was widened in 1963 to accommodate three lanes in each direction. The Project includes replacement of the bridge superstructure, which includes widening the shoulders on the bridge to meet Authority standards. The widened superstructure will provide three 12' lanes, 12' right shoulders and 5' left shoulders in each direction. Existing substandard features such as auxiliary lane lengths, shoulder widths on approach roadways, horizontal and vertical clearances and stopping sight distance will be improved to the extent practicable. The Project is intended to extend the remaining life of the structure, improve safety for the travelling public and minimize construction stages and duration of construction.

Pursuant to Executive Order 172, the Authority will conduct the public hearing to present the proposed improvements. In keeping with the emergency orders issued by Governor Murphy as a result of COVID-19, the hearing will be held virtually on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The virtual hearing will be held via WebEx and will provide for public access via the web or telephonically. Details for the public to participate in the hearing are as follows:

• <u>Attendance by Video:</u> Members of the public can access the meeting on their web-connected device by going to the Authority's website at www.njta.com, and clicking on the following link:

Event Information: Contract No. P100.476 - EO172 Public Hearing When prompted, enter your first name, last name, and email address. The event passcode is automatically filled. Press "Join Now" to join the meeting.

• Attendance by Phone (Audio only):

- o Call 1-408-418-9388
- O When prompted, enter the following Meeting number: Meeting number: 129 427 5216

Additionally, the details for public participation are posted on the Authority's website at www.njta.com. The hearing will be recorded and posted on the Authority's website following the hearing.

The purpose of the public hearing is to inform the public about the Project and to solicit comments. In addition to the opportunity to provide comments during the hearing, members of the public will be given the opportunity to provide written comments. All comments received, whether oral or written, will be responded to in a written Public Hearing Report that will be made available to the public.

Written comments may be submitted to the Authority prior to the hearing and until September 24, 2020, which is the official closing date of the comment period. Written comments should be sent via regular mail or Email addressed to:

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