

Public Hearing Report

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

October 21, 2020

Submitted to:



Submitted by:



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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to New Jersey Executive Order No. 172 (Kean), a public hearing was held by the New Jersey Turnpike Authority (NJTA) on Wednesday, September 9th, 2020 for the Superstructure Replacement and Widening of Bridge No. 158.2 Garden State Parkway Bridge over Passaic River, US Route 46, and River Drive (Construction Contract No. P100.476). In keeping with the emergency orders issued by Governor Murphy as a result of COVID-19, the meeting was held virtually with the public attending via video or audio connection.

2.0 PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY

A virtual Public Hearing was held in which the project was introduced and the purpose and need as well as proposed improvements were presented. Representatives from the NJTA and from WSP Inc. (WSP), the design consultant, were in attendance to present the project. After the project was presented, interested parties had the opportunity to provide comments. Comments were to be accepted from public officials first, and then from members of the public. Instructions were also given for providing written comments, the closing period for which was identified as September 24, 2020. One (1) member of the public provided an oral comment during the Public Hearing. Refer to Section 6 and Section 7 of this report for responses to oral and written comments, respectively. The transcript of the proceedings can be found in Appendix E.

3.0 PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Needs and Goals

Garden State Parkway Bridge No. 158.2 carries three lanes of traffic in both the northbound and southbound roadways, and was originally constructed in 1955 and widened in 1963. The bridge is in overall fair condition due to the condition of the superstructure. Construction Contract No. P100.476 will replace the bridge superstructure with a new widened superstructure that will provide full width lanes and adequate shoulders. The project is designed to extend the remaining life of the structure, improve safety, and minimize the duration of construction. All the proposed improvements in the project will be constructed within the Garden State Parkway right-of-way. The environmental permits for this contract were obtained April 14th, 2020. Currently, this contract is in the final design phase and is anticipated to be advertised in January 2021, with a construction notice to proceed in June 2021.

The project goals include extending the remaining life of the structure, while improving other deficiencies to the extent practical. The existing piers and abutments are in satisfactory condition, but the superstructure is deteriorated and is approaching the end of its useful life. Therefore, the superstructure will be replaced with a new widened superstructure that provides three 12-foot traffic lanes, 12-foot right shoulders, and 5-foot left shoulders in each direction. The geometric deficiencies will also be improved to the extent practical to improve motorist safety.

Project Limits and Details

The project extends from Clifton, Passaic County, to Elmwood Park, Bergen County, between Interchanges 156 and 157 on the Garden State Parkway. The approach roadway will be widened between the two adjacent overpass structures on each side of the Passaic River, Lakeview Avenue to the

south, and Miles Street to the north, matching the existing roadway cross-section at these overpass bridges.

The project will make use of a temporary bridge to maintain three lanes of southbound traffic for the duration of construction, and will also utilize a temporary construction trestle. There is a stormwater management basin proposed within the infield of the Parkway Northbound Exit 156 ramp to U.S. 46 Eastbound. There are also several retaining walls to minimize right-of-way and slope impacts.

The project required several environmental permits, which have been obtained, including the New Jersey DEP Flood Hazard Area Permit, Freshwater Wetlands Permit, and Water Quality Certificates. Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Certifications were obtained from the soil conservation districts on each side of the river.

Construction Staging

Construction for Contract No. P100.476 will be performed in three main stages. In Pre-Stage 1, the temporary traffic bridge and temporary construction trestle will be constructed. As this work is "offline" with respect to the Parkway, Parkway traffic will not be significantly affected during this stage. In Stage 1, southbound traffic will be shifted onto the temporary bridge and northbound traffic will be shifted to the existing southbound side. Then the existing northbound side of the bridge will be demolished and reconstructed, with most of the work being accessed from the temporary construction trestle to the east of the Parkway bridge. This allows the northbound traffic to be shifted onto the newly constructed northbound side of the bridge for Stage 2 of construction. In this stage, the existing southbound side of the bridge will be demolished and reconstructed, with most of the work being accessed from the bridge itself. Once both northbound and southbound sides of the bridge have been reconstructed, traffic will be shifted into its final configuration. In Stage 3, the temporary traffic bridge and temporary construction trestle will be removed when no longer needed.

Roadway Closures and Detours

Several roads and ramps will be subject to short- or long-term closures to allow for construction. Certain activities, including removing existing and erecting proposed structural steel or erection of sign structures, will require very short duration roadway closures, limited to ten minutes.

Long-Term Full-Time Closures:

Closure of the Garden State Parkway Northbound exit ramp at Interchange 156 is required to provide space for the contractor to perform retaining wall construction along the ramp. The duration is anticipated to be approximately three months. The exit ramp is signed for Route 20 Northbound, however it connects directly with U.S. 46 Eastbound. Since the Parkway is restricted to cars only in the project area, no trucks will be directed to the detour route.

The Lexington Avenue ramp to U.S. 46 Westbound will need to be closed intermittently over the duration of construction for access to construction areas for work immediately adjacent to the ramp, including sign structure construction along U.S. 46 and south abutment construction. This ramp and the adjacent ramp to the Parkway Southbound will not be closed at the same time.

Short Term Off-Peak Closures:

The construction project relocates the ramp from Lexington Avenue to the Parkway Southbound to allow space for the temporary bridge and approach roadway. The hours for the short-term closure are limited to 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., when traffic is at its lightest. The detour uses major highways and it removes traffic from Lexington Avenue during detour hours. No trucks are in detour traffic.

The ramp from Ackerman Avenue to Route 21 Northbound is also required to be closed during these times. Detour routing and signing addresses access to both U.S. 46 Eastbound and Route 20 Northbound. The detour is limited to midnight to 5 a.m. when traffic levels are lightest to minimize impacts in Garfield.

4.0 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Notice for the Public Hearing for Contract No. P100.476 was published in the *Herald News* and *The Record* on August 24, 2020 and in the *Star Ledger* on August 25, 2020. The written notice of the Public Hearing sent to the three (3) publications can be found in Appendix A and affidavits of publication can be found in Appendix B. Additionally, letters of notice for the Public Hearing were sent to public officials and interested parties, as can be seen in Appendix C. The Public Hearing handout is included in Appendix D.

5.0 PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing for Contract No. P100.476 was held on Wednesday, September 9th, 2020 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Per emergency orders issued by Governor Murphy as a result of COVID-19, the meeting was held virtually. The Hearing consisted of a formal presentation by the NJTA and WSP and an opportunity for formal comment. The Public Hearing began with an introduction, an explanation of the rules of the Public Hearing, and a description of the purpose and need of the project, delivered by NJTA Project Manager King Lee. WSP Project Manager David Rue then presented a description of the proposed improvements. The floor was then opened for public comments. The presentation and public comments were recorded by a Certified Court Reporter. The transcript of the proceedings can be found in Appendix E, and a copy of the presentation from the Public Hearing can be found in Appendix F.

6.0 PUBLIC HEARING ORAL COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

Responses to comments received during the Public Hearing are presented below. Comments were not responded to during the Public Hearing.

Public Comment #1:

Jackson Hurst

4216 Cornell Crossing

Kennesaw, Georgia 30144

MR. HURST: *I love how the New Jersey Turnpike Authority is going to be replacing the Garden State Parkway bridge over the Passaic River, because replacing this bridge will bring the existing bridge condition up to a good standard, and it will also help with long-term maintenance, especially since during*

the winter, a lot of snow and salt gets into the bridge joints and girders and it causes corrosion, and also heavy trucks can cause corrosion as well.

RESPONSE: No response required.

7.0 WRITTEN COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

An address and email address were posted on the Authority's website for the submission of written comments. The comment period was open until September 24th, 2020. No written comments were received.

APPENDIX A

Notice of Public Hearing

**NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT NO. P100.476
Superstructure Replacement and Widening of Bridge No. 158.2
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- **Attendance by Phone (Audio only):**
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APPENDIX B

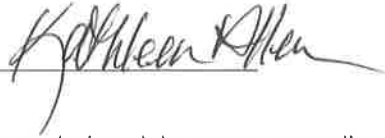
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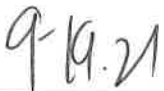
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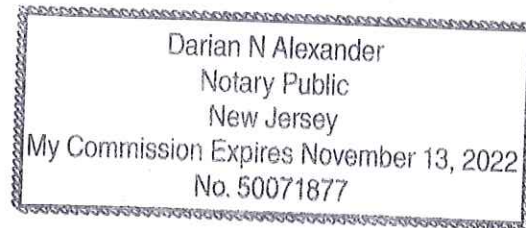
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NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY

The Authority invites and encourages you to attend the Public Hearing. If you have any questions or comments, you may contact Shawn Taylor, Director of Community & Government Relations at (732) 750-5300, Ext. 8282, and Project Engineer and Manager, King Lee, at (732) 750-5300, Ext. 8293.

Very truly yours,


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Director of Law

RJC/jlr
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Shawn Taylor, Director, Community & Government Relations (w/att.)
J. Lawrence Williams, P.E., Deputy Chief Engineer (w/att.)
William Wilson, P.E., Supervising Engineer (w/att.)
King F. Lee, P.E., Project Engineer (w/att.)
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August 19, 2020

John Clemente, P.E.
Bergen County
One Bergen County Plaza
4th Floor
Hackensack, NJ 07601-7076

RE: New Jersey Turnpike Authority
Notice of Public Hearing – September 9, 2020
Construction Contract No. P100.476
Superstructure Replacement and Widening of Bridge No. 158.2
Garden State Parkway Bridge over Passaic River, U.S. Route 46
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John S. Hogan, Clerk
Bergen County
One Bergen County Plaza
Room 122
Hackensack, NJ 07601-7076

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August 19, 2020

James J. Tedesco III
Bergen County Executive
One Bergen County Plaza
Room 580
Hackensack, NJ 07601-7076

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Lara Rodriguez, Clerk
Bergen County Board of
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One Bergen County Plaza
5th Floor
Hackensack, NJ 07601-7076

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Honorable Daniel Golabek, Mayor
Borough of Elmwood Park
Municipal Building
182 Market Street
Elmwood Park, NJ 07407

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Michael Foligno, Administrator
Borough of Elmwood Park
Municipal Building
182 Market Street
Elmwood Park, NJ 07407

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Captain Michael Kassai
Borough of Elmwood Park
Police Operations Division
Municipal Building
182 Market Street
Elmwood Park, NJ 07407

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Scott Karcz, Superintendent
Department of Public Works
Borough of Elmwood Park
Municipal Building
182 Market Street
Elmwood Park, NJ 07407

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Borough of Elmwood Park
Municipal Building
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Jonathan Pera, P.E.
Passaic County Engineer
401 Grand Street
5th Floor, Room 524
Paterson, NJ 07505

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Timothy R. Mettlen, P.E.
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Louis E. Imhof III, Clerk
Passaic County
Board of Chosen Freeholders
401 Grand Street
Room 223
Paterson, NJ 07505

RE: New Jersey Turnpike Authority
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Commander – Lt. Darren Kester
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APPENDIX D

Public Hearing Handout

PUBLIC HEARING RULES

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

1. Speakers will be called in the order in which they joined the hearing by computer or tablet and then move on to those who have dialed in, except for public officials who will be given priority.
2. 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.
3. Oral comments for the members of the public will be limited to 5 minutes. Remaining time cannot be assigned to another speaker.
4. The public hearing will end when all oral comments have been recorded.

The record shall remain open for fifteen (15) days after the hearing, until September 24, 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 via regular mail or Email addressed to:

King F. Lee P.E., Hearing Officer
New Jersey Turnpike Authority, P.O. Box 5042
Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095-5042
Email: publichearing@njta.com

All oral and written comments will be addressed in a written Public Hearing Report, which will be issued after the close of the comment period. Copies of the Public Hearing Report will be provided to City of Clifton, Borough of Elmwood Park, and Counties of Passaic and Bergen.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

	2021				2022				2023				2024				2025			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Pre-Stage 1																				
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Stage 3																				

Project Location



NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY PUBLIC HEARING

September 9, 2020 at 6:00PM



Contract No. P100.476
SUPERSTRUCTURE
REPLACEMENT AND WIDENING
OF BRIDGE NO. 158.2, GSP OVER
PASSAIC RIVER, US ROUTE 46,
AND RIVER DRIVE

ATTEND THE HEARING

Attendance by Video:

- 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:
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Attendance by Phone (Audio only):

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- When prompted, enter the following Meeting number: 129 427 5216

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PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

Introduction of Purpose & Need

King F. Lee, P.E.
Project Engineer
Hearing Officer
NJTA

Description of Improvements

David L. Rue, P.E.
Project Manager
WSP USA, Inc.

Public Comment

Open

EXHIBIT

NJTA-1 9-9-2020

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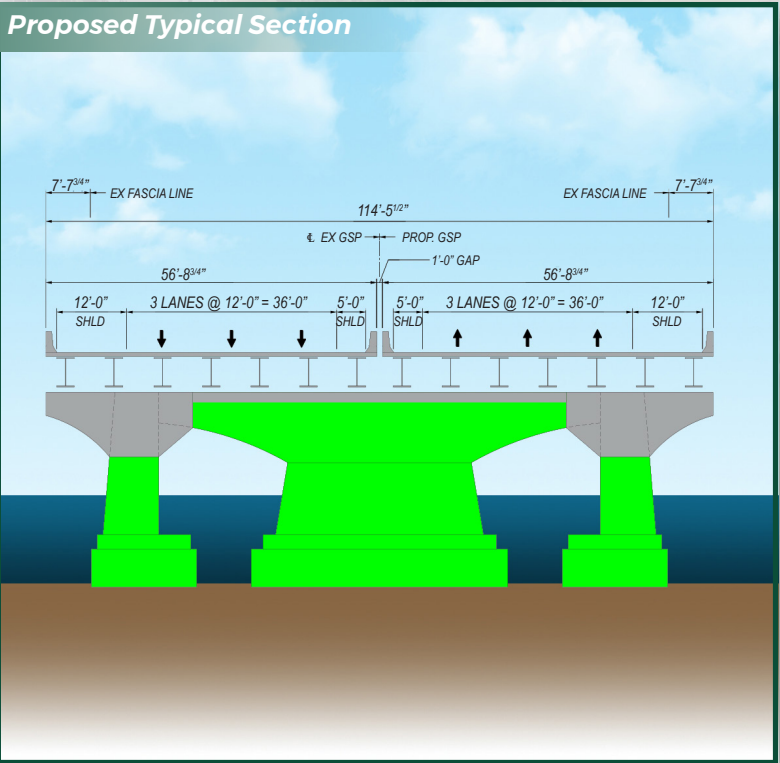
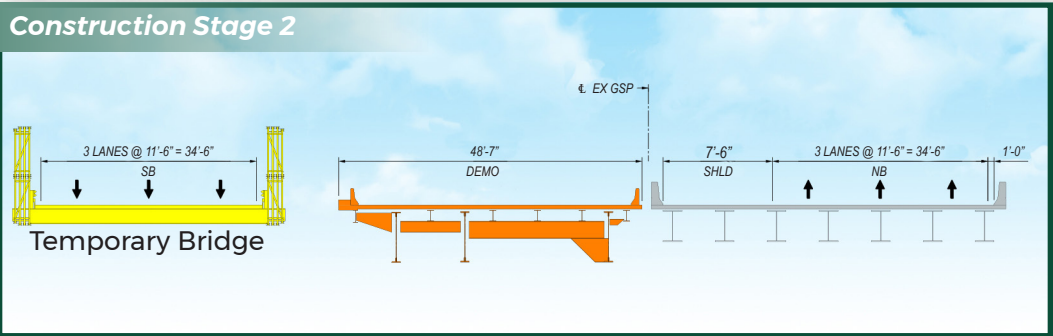
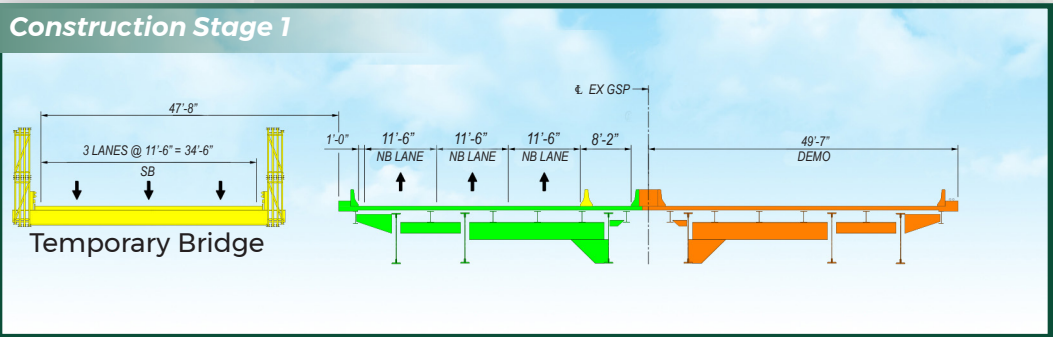
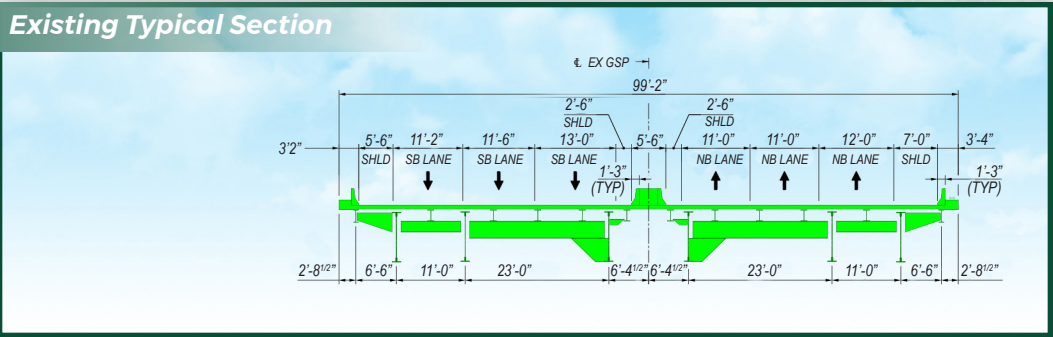
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The eight span Garden State Parkway (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 three lanes in each direction. Deterioration of the superstructure and deck has occurred, requiring the Authority to perform priority repairs in recent years. However, the substructure remains in satisfactory condition. The Authority will replace the superstructure, which includes widening the shoulders to meet standards, on the existing modified substructure under proposed Contract P100.476. 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. To construct the project with minimum disruption to traffic, a 3-lane temporary bridge is proposed to carry the Southbound GSP traffic for the duration of the project. Utilization of the temporary bridge will require ramp 156 SBE to GSP Southbound to be realigned to the west.

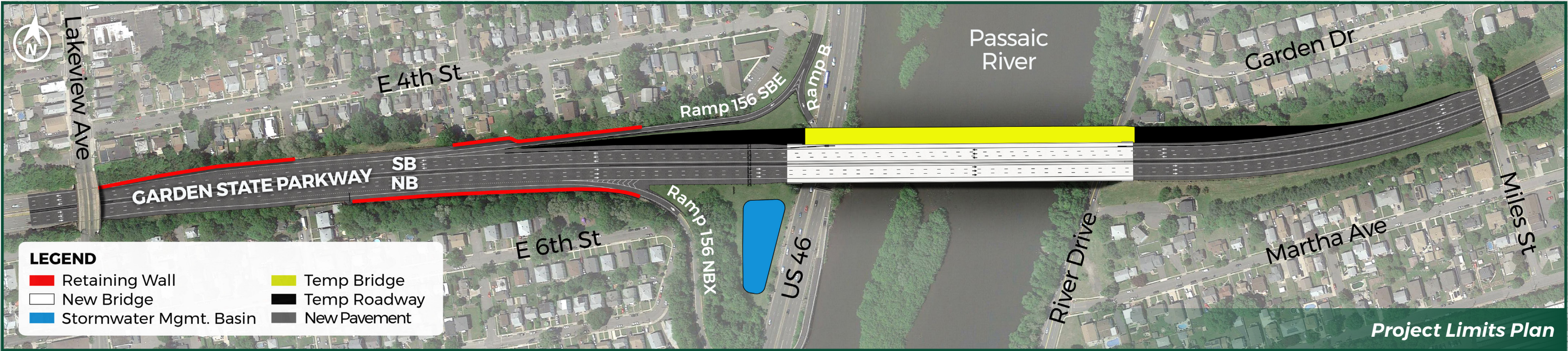
There will be several overnight ramp closures and standard lane shifts along the project limits in order to provide safe work zones during construction. The Lexington Avenue to US 46 westbound (Ramp B) will require intermittent longer-term closures. In addition, GSP Exit 156 NBX Ramp to US 46 eastbound is proposed to be closed for approximately 3 months, during which traffic will be detoured.

Construction is anticipated to start spring 2021 and last for approximately 4.5 years.



BRIDGE STAGING LEGEND

- Existing
- Demolition
- Temporary
- Final



APPENDIX E

Transcript of Proceedings of Public Hearing

1 NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY
2 PUBLIC HEARING
3 Pursuant to Executive Order 172 (Kean)
4 IN THE MATTER OF: :
5 CONTRACT NO. P100.476, SUPERSTRUCTURE:
6 REPLACEMENT AND WIDENING OF BRIDGE :
7 NO. 158.2 GARDEN STATE PARKWAY BRIDGE:
8 OVER PASSAIC RIVER, U.S. ROUTE 46 :
9 AND RIVER DRIVE, CITY OF CLIFTON, :
10 PASSAIC COUNTY AND BOROUGH OF :
11 ELMWOOD PARK, BERGEN COUNTY. :
12 -----x
13 Location: New Jersey Turnpike Authority
14 1 Turnpike Plaza
15 Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095
16 Date: Wednesday, September 9, 2020
17 Commencing at 6:00 P.M.
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20 RENZI LEGAL RESOURCES
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1 HEARING OFFICER LEE: Good evening and
2 welcome to the public hearing of the New Jersey
3 Turnpike Authority's Construction Contract Number
4 P-100.476, Superstructure replacement and widening of
5 Garden State Parkway Bridge No. 158.2 over the Passaic
6 River, U.S. Route 46, and River Drive.

7 My name is King Lee, and I am the project
8 manager for this project at the New Jersey Turnpike
9 Authority. It is now 6:01 p.m. on Wednesday,
10 September 9th, 2020. I will be serving as the hearing
11 officer this evening.

12 This hearing is being conducted pursuant to
13 Executive Order No. 172, and the format of this
14 hearing will follow its requirements. In keeping with
15 the emergency orders issued by Governor Murphy as a
16 result of COVID-19, the hearing is being held
17 virtually, with the public attending via video or
18 audio connection. The purpose of the hearing is for
19 the Authority to receive your opinions,
20 recommendations, suggestions and comments regarding
21 this project. This is not a question-and-answer
22 session, but to the extent that basic questions can be
23 answered, we will attempt to do so.

24 Today's public hearing will begin with a
25 presentation of the project by a representative of the

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

4 This hearing will be conducted according
5 to these specific rules:

6 First, public officials who wish to speak
7 will be given the opportunity to speak first. They
8 will be afforded up to ten minutes.

9 Second, all members of the public who
10 wish to speak will be given an opportunity to speak in
11 the order in which they joined the hearing by either
12 computer or other electronic device and then for those
13 who have dialed in. They will be afforded up to five
14 minutes, and the remaining time cannot be assigned to
15 another speaker.

16 Third, for those that do speak, please
17 clearly state your name, spell your last name, and
18 identify your town of residence so that the court
19 reporter can put it in the official record.

20 Fourth, the proceedings are being
21 recorded by the Certified Court Reporter.

22 And finally, you have the option of
23 providing written comments using the address or email
24 address posted on the Authority's website. There is
25 no limit on the length of written comments or email

1 comments. The Authority will accept written comments
2 until September 24, 2020, which is the closing date
3 for this EO 172 public hearing. All written comments
4 will be accepted and entered into the record.

5 The agenda for this presentation will
6 include the following:

7 Introduction and Purpose & Need of the
8 project.

9 Description of the proposed improvements.

10 Summary of the public comment period.

11 And finally, we will open the floor for
12 public comments.

13 The presenters this evening will be
14 myself and Mr. David Rue from WSP, who is the
15 consultant Project Manager for this project. WSP is
16 the consultant responsible for the design of the
17 improvements.

18 Additionally, we will have the following
19 representatives of the Authority to assist this
20 evening:

21 Mr. Shawn Taylor, Director of Community
22 and Government Relations.

23 Mr. Larry Williams, Deputy Chief
24 Engineer.

25 Mr. William Wilson, Senior Supervising

1 Engineer.

2 Garden State Parkway Bridge No. 158.2
3 carrying three lanes of traffic in both the northbound
4 and southbound roadways was originally constructed in
5 1955 and widened in 1963. The bridge is in overall
6 fair condition due to the condition of the
7 superstructure. Construction Contract No. P100-476
8 will replace the bridge superstructure with a new
9 widened superstructure that will provide full width
10 lanes and adequate shoulders. The project is designed
11 to extend the remaining life of the structure,
12 improve safety, and minimize the duration of
13 construction.

14 All the proposed improvements in the
15 project will be constructed within the Garden State
16 Parkway right-of-way.

17 The environmental permits for this
18 contract were obtained April 14th, 2020.

19 Currently, this contract is in the final
20 design phase and is anticipated to be advertised in
21 October 2020, with a notice to proceed in March 2021.

22 I would now like to ask Mr. David Rue
23 from WSP, who is the Project Manager, to discuss the
24 proposed improvements. Dave.

25 MR. RUE: Thank you, King.

1 As King noted, the project goals include
2 extending the remaining life of the structure while
3 improving other deficiencies to the extent practical.
4 The existing piers and abutments are in satisfactory
5 condition, but the superstructure is deteriorated and
6 is approaching the end of its useful life; therefore,
7 the superstructure will be replaced with a new widened
8 superstructure that provides three 12-foot traffic
9 lanes, 12-foot right shoulders, and 5-foot left
10 shoulders in each direction. Geometric deficiencies
11 will also be improved to the extent practical to
12 improve motorist safety.

13 The project extends from Clifton, Passaic
14 County, to Elmwood Park, Bergen County, between
15 Interchanges 156 and 157 on the Garden State Parkway,
16 as you can see within the yellow box on this slide.

17 The approach roadway will be widened
18 between the two adjacent overpass structures on each
19 side of the Passaic River, Lakeview Avenue to the
20 south, and Miles Street to the north, matching the
21 existing roadway cross-section at these overpass
22 bridges.

23 The project makes use of a temporary
24 bridge (depicted in yellow on this slide) to maintain
25 three lanes of southbound traffic for the duration of

1 construction. There is a stormwater management basin
2 (depicted in blue) proposed for within the infield of
3 the Parkway Northbound Exit 156 ramp to U.S. 46
4 Eastbound.

5 There are several retaining walls
6 (depicted in red) to minimize right-of-way and slope
7 impacts.

8 The project required several
9 environmental permits, which have been obtained,
10 including the New Jersey DEP Flood Hazard Area Permit,
11 Freshwater Wetlands Permit, and Water Quality
12 Certificates. Soil Erosion and Sediment Control
13 Certifications were obtained from the soil
14 conservation districts on each side of the river.

15 This slide illustrates the construction
16 staging for the bridge reconstruction. In the upper
17 left is the existing bridge cross-section. On this
18 slide, existing elements are shown in green;
19 demolition work is shown orange; temporary elements
20 are shown yellow; and new permanent elements are shown
21 gray.

22 In the first construction stage, the
23 temporary bridge is constructed. Next, southbound
24 traffic is shifted onto the temporary bridge and
25 northbound traffic is shifted to the existing

1 southbound side. Then the existing northbound side of
2 the bridge is demolished and reconstructed, with most
3 of the work being accessed from a temporary
4 construction trestle, which is not pictured, to the
5 east of the Parkway bridge. This allows the
6 northbound traffic to be shifted onto the newly
7 constructed northbound side of the bridge; then the
8 existing southbound side of the bridge can be
9 demolished and reconstructed, with most of the work
10 being accessed from the bridge itself.

11 Once both northbound and southbound sides
12 of the bridge have been reconstructed, traffic is
13 shifted into its final configuration.

14 Finally, the temporary traffic bridge and
15 temporary construction trestle are removed when no
16 longer needed.

17 Several roads and ramps (listed on this
18 slide) will be subject to short- or long-term closures
19 to allow for construction. Certain activities,
20 including erecting structural steel or erection of
21 sign structures, will require very short duration
22 roadway closures, limited to ten minutes. The
23 following slides will depict the specifics of the
24 individual detours.

25 Closure of the Garden State Parkway

1 Northbound exit ramp at Interchange 156 (shown in red
2 on this slide) is required to provide space for the
3 contractor to perform retaining wall construction
4 along the ramp. The duration is anticipated to be
5 approximately three months. The exit ramp is signed
6 for Route 20 Northbound, even though it connects
7 directly with U.S. 46 Eastbound. Since the Parkway is
8 restricted to cars only in the project area, no trucks
9 will be directed to the detour route.

10 Detour routes are on all on major
11 highways, such that no local streets are impacted.
12 The detour route using Exit 154 (shown in green) is
13 expected to capture the majority of the affected
14 traffic. The detour route at Exit 157 (shown in
15 orange) are for those who miss Exit 154 and requires a
16 U-turn at Mola Boulevard intersection (off the slide).

17 The Lexington Avenue ramp to U.S. 46
18 Westbound needs to be closed intermittently over the
19 duration of construction for work immediately adjacent
20 to the ramp, including sign structure construction
21 along U.S. 46 and south abutment construction.
22 Closure is needed for access to construction areas.

23 This ramp and the adjacent ramp to the
24 Parkway Southbound will not be closed at the same
25 time. The detour route is mostly on major highways.

1 The construction project relocates the
2 ramp from Lexington Avenue to the Parkway Southbound
3 to allow space for the temporary bridge and approach
4 roadway. Closures allow construction where new
5 pavement meets existing. The hours are limited to
6 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., when traffic is at its lightest.

7 The detour uses major highways and it
8 removes traffic from Lexington Avenue during detour
9 hours. No trucks are in detour traffic.

10 Route 21 Northbound narrows to one lane
11 before merging to U.S. 46 Eastbound on the left side.
12 The ramp from Ackerman Avenue to Route 21 Northbound
13 is also required to be closed during these times.

14 Detour routing and signing addresses
15 access to both U.S. 46 Eastbound and Route 20
16 Northbound. The detour is limited to midnight to
17 5 a.m. Traffic levels are lightest during these hours
18 to minimize impacts in Garfield.

19 This slide depicts the general
20 construction schedule. Pre-Stage 1 includes the
21 construction of the temporary traffic bridge and
22 temporary construction trestle. As this work is
23 "offline" with respect to the Parkway, Parkway traffic
24 will not be significantly affected during this stage.
25 Stage 1 includes the northbound bridge demolition and

1 reconstruction. Stage 2 includes the southbound
2 bridge demolition and reconstruction. Stage 3
3 includes the removal of the temporary traffic bridge
4 and temporary construction trestle.

5 With that, I'll hand the presentation
6 back to King Lee, who will review how to provide
7 comments and/or share concerns on the project.

8 HEARING OFFICER LEE: Thank you, Dave.

9 Anyone wishing to speak at this hearing
10 will be provided the opportunity to do so.

11 Additionally, any members of the public wishing to
12 provide written comments may do so by using the
13 address or email address posted on the Authority's
14 website.

15 The Authority will accept written
16 comments until September 24, 2020, which is the
17 closing date for this EO 172 public hearing.

18 The Authority will evaluate the oral and
19 written comments and will address them by way of a
20 Hearing Report that will be prepared by the Authority.
21 A copy of the Hearing Report will be available to the
22 public and will be sent to all municipalities and
23 counties within the project area.

24 We will begin taking comments first from
25 those who have joined the hearing by either computer

1 or other electronic device using the WebEx software
2 and then move on to those who have dialed in. If you
3 are using the WebEx software, please use the "Raise
4 Hand" function on the bottom right-hand corner of your
5 screen to indicate your desire to speak. I will then
6 unmute each individual who has used the "Raise Hand"
7 function one at a time to speak. When you are
8 unmuted, please clearly state your name, spell your
9 last name, and identify where you live in the state of
10 New Jersey or elsewhere. Please use the "Raise Hand"
11 function again to lower your hand after speaking.

12 I will unmute the phone lines when all
13 who joined by either computer or other electronic
14 device have had an opportunity to comment. For those
15 members of the public who dialed into the hearing, you
16 must press *3 on your keypad to raise your hand to
17 signal your desire to speak. Once you have raised
18 your hand, you will hear the prompt, "You have raised
19 your hand to ask a question. Please wait to speak
20 until the host calls on you." After I unmute your
21 phone line, you will hear the prompt, "Your phone line
22 is unmuted." When you are unmuted, please clearly
23 state your name, spell your last name, and identify
24 where you live in the state of New Jersey or
25 elsewhere. Please press *3 again to lower your hand

1 after speaking.

2 For anyone who joined the hearing with a
3 computer or other electronic device that is not
4 equipped to provide oral comments, please dial into
5 the hearing now or use the email address posted on the
6 Authority's website to have your comments on the
7 record. The Authority will address your comments in
8 the final Hearing Report.

9 The order to provide oral comment:

10 First, public officials who joined the
11 hearing by either computer or other electronic device
12 using the WebEx software.

13 Second, public official who dialed into
14 the hearing.

15 Third, members of the public who joined
16 the hearing by either computer or other electronic
17 device using the WebEx software.

18 And then, members of the public who
19 dialed into the hearing.

20 The floor is now open for public
21 comments.

22 Jackson Hurst, you are the next speaker.
23 If you are a public official, please state your full
24 name, spell your last name, and identify your
25 organization.

1 MR. HURST: I am not a public official.
2 I am a member of the public.

3 HEARING OFFICER LEE: Okay. So at this
4 time, we're only taking comments from the public
5 officials. So please hold off and we will get back to
6 you.

7 Seeing no hands raised, we now move onto
8 the public officials who have dialed in. Are there
9 any public officials that wish to speak before we move
10 onto the public?

11 Seeing no hands raised, we now move onto
12 members of the public who have joined the hearing by
13 either computer or other electronic device using the
14 WebEx software.

15 Jackson Hurst, you are the next speaker.
16 You are unmuted.

17 MR. HURST: My name is Jackson Hurst,
18 H-u-r-s-t. I live at 4216 Cornell, C-o-r-n-e-l-l,
19 Crossing, Kennesaw, K-e-n-n-e-s-a-w, Georgia 30144.

20 HEARING OFFICER LEE: Okay, please
21 provide your comment.

22 MR. HURST: I love how the New Jersey
23 Turnpike Authority is going to be replacing the Garden
24 State Parkway bridge over the Passaic River, because
25 replacing this bridge will bring the existing bridge

1 condition up to good standard, and it will also help
2 with long-term maintenance, especially since during
3 the winter, a lot of snow and salt gets into the
4 bridge joints and girders and it causes corrosion, and
5 also heavy trucks can also cause corrosion as well.

6 HEARING OFFICER LEE: Okay, thank you.
7 The Authority will address your comments or questions
8 in the Final Hearing Report.

9 Is there anyone else that wishes to
10 speak? Anyone else? We will keep the public comments
11 period open until 7 o'clock for anyone who has joined
12 the hearing late and will give them the opportunity to
13 speak.

14 You are unmuted. Please state your full
15 name, spell your last name.

16 VOICE: Hi, King?

17 HEARING OFFICER LEE: Yes, yes, go ahead.

18 TECHNICIAN: Hello?

19 HEARING OFFICER LEE: Hello. You are
20 unmuted. Please state your full name, spell your last
21 name.

22 VOICE: Hello?

23 HEARING OFFICER LEE: Hello. Can you
24 hear us?

25 TECHNICIAN: Can you hear us? Hello?

1 HEARING OFFICER LEE: Hello.

2 MS. ZACH: Someone is speaking but King
3 is not answering. Somebody is talking.

4 TECHNICIAN: You unmuted yourself?

5 HEARING OFFICER LEE: Hello. Can you
6 hear us?

7 TECHNICIAN: Caller, can you please try
8 to dial in again?

9 HEARING OFFICER LEE: It seems like we're
10 having a technical difficulty from hearing your
11 comment. Please use the email address to submit your
12 comments.

13 MR. WILSON: Try calling in again. Have
14 him call again.

15 TECHNICIAN: Caller, if you could please
16 try calling in again.

17 HEARING OFFICER LEE: He hung up. So he
18 disappeared.

19 This is the public hearing for
20 Construction Contract Number P-100.476. We are still
21 open for taking comments, so if anyone would like to
22 speak, please raise your hand and I will unmute you.

23 Seeing no other hands raised and hearing
24 nobody else on the telephone who may want to make
25 comments, the time for all comments is now closed.

1 That concludes the hearing. It is now
2 7 p.m. The hearing is now closed.

3 As a reminder, the Authority will accept
4 written comments until September 24, 2020, which is
5 the closing date for this EO 172 public hearing. A
6 Final Hearing Report will be issued after the close of
7 the comment period and will be made available for the
8 public. I want to thank everyone for attending.

9 (Wherein the hearing is concluded at 7:00
10 p.m.)

1 C E R T I F I C A T E

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3 I, RONDA L. REINSTEIN, a Certified Court
4 Reporter of the State of New Jersey, authorized to
5 administer oaths pursuant to R.S.41:2-2, do hereby
6 certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate
7 transcript of the testimony as taken stenographically
8 by and before me at the time, place and on the date
9 herein before set forth, to the best of my ability.

10 I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that I am neither a
11 relative nor employee nor attorney nor counsel of any
12 of the parties to this action, and that I am neither a
13 relative nor employee of such attorney or counsel, and
14 that I am not financially interested in the action.

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23 RONDA L. REINSTEIN, CCR No. 30X100217800

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25 Dated: September 28, 2020

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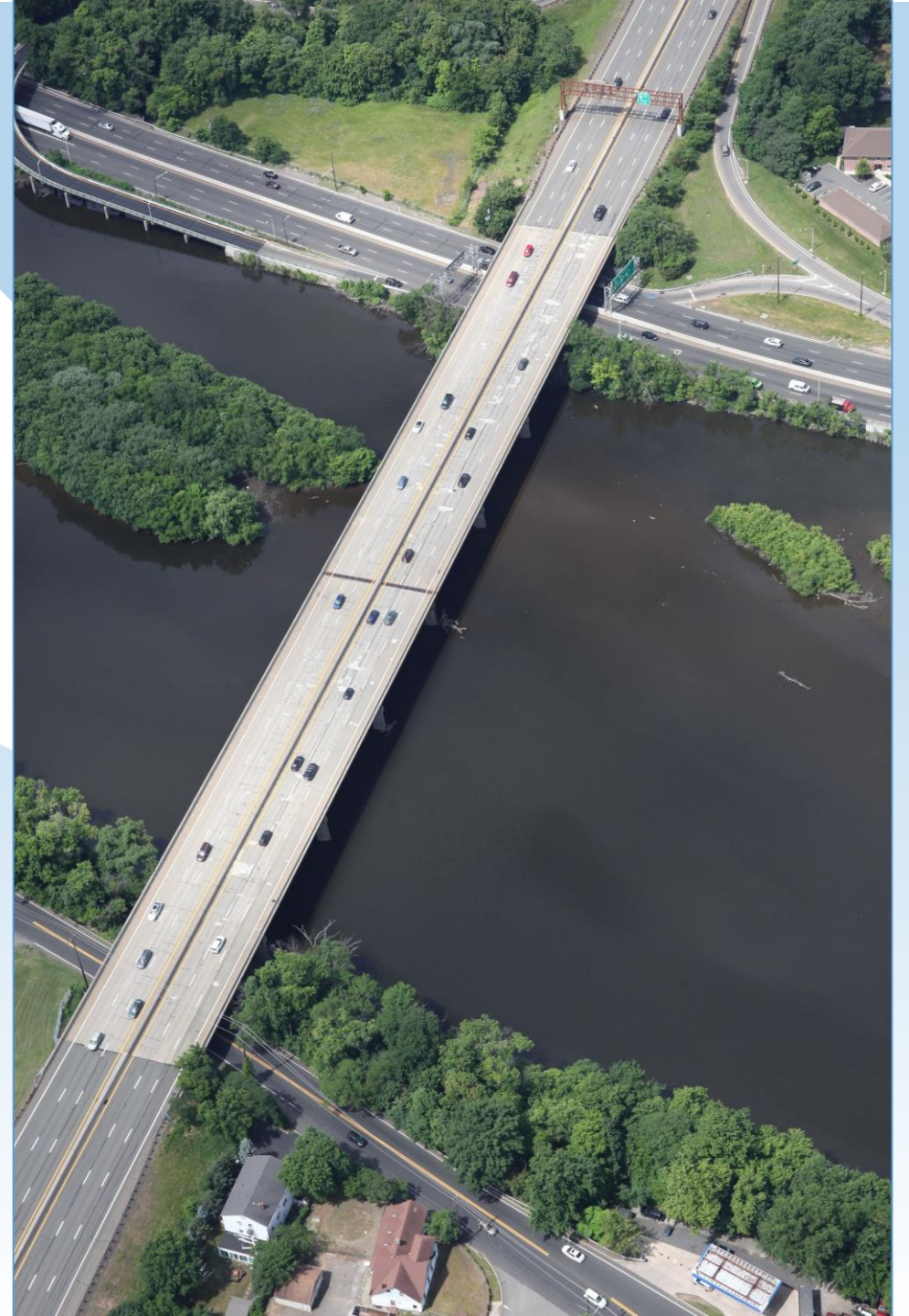
APPENDIX F

Public Hearing Presentation

*Contract No. P100.476
Superstructure Replacement
and Widening of Bridge No.
158.2 GSP Bridge over
Passaic River, US Route 46
and River Drive*

Public Hearing

*September 9, 2020
At 6:00PM*



Public Hearing Rules

- Public Officials who wish to speak will be given the opportunity to speak first. They will be afforded up to ten minutes.
- All members of the public who wish to speak will be given an opportunity to speak in the order in which they joined the hearing by computer or tablet and then for those who have dialed in. They will be afforded up to five minutes. The remaining time cannot be assigned to another speaker.
- For those that do speak, please state your name, spell your last name and identify your town of residence clearly, so that the court reporter can put it in the official record.
- The proceedings are being recorded by a certified court reporter.

Public Hearing Agenda

- Introduction and Purpose & Need: King F. Lee, PE (NJTA)
- Description of Proposed Improvements: David L. Rue, PE (WSP)
 - *Project Location and Limits*
 - *Project Permits*
 - *Construction Stages and Cross Sections*
 - *Closures and Detours*
 - *Project Schedule and Cost*
- Public Comment: King F. Lee, PE (NJTA)

Project Purpose and Need

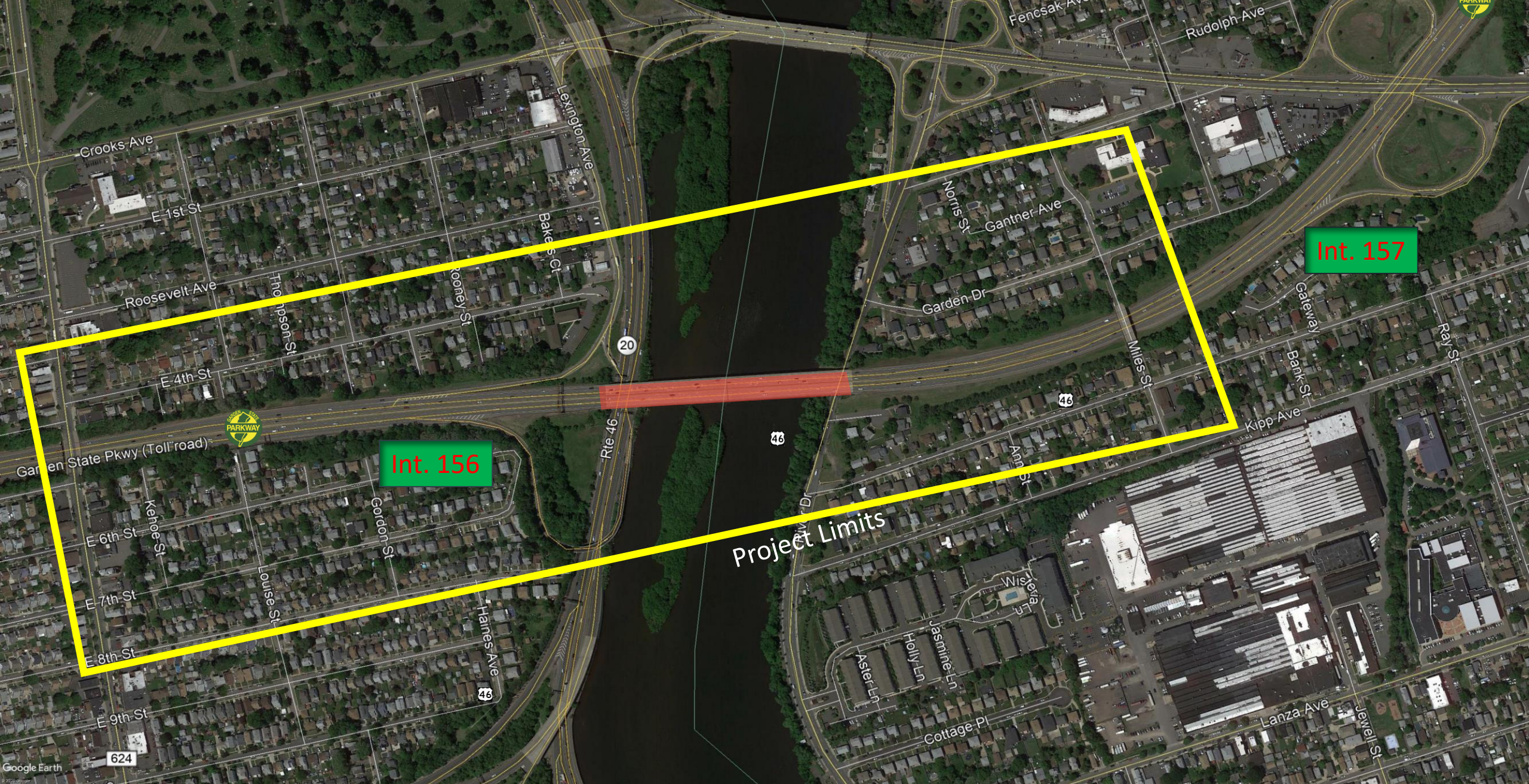
- Contract No. P100.476 Improvements
 - *Superstructure replacement and widening*
 - *Provide full width lanes and adequate shoulders*
 - *Extend remaining life of the structure*
 - *Improve safety for the traveling public*
 - *Minimize construction stages and duration of construction*
- Improvements will be kept within the Garden State Parkway (GSP) Right-of-Way
- Environmental permits were obtained in April 2020
- Status of project
 - *Final design phase*
 - *Advertise in October 2020*
 - *Notice to Proceed in March 2021*

Proposed Improvements

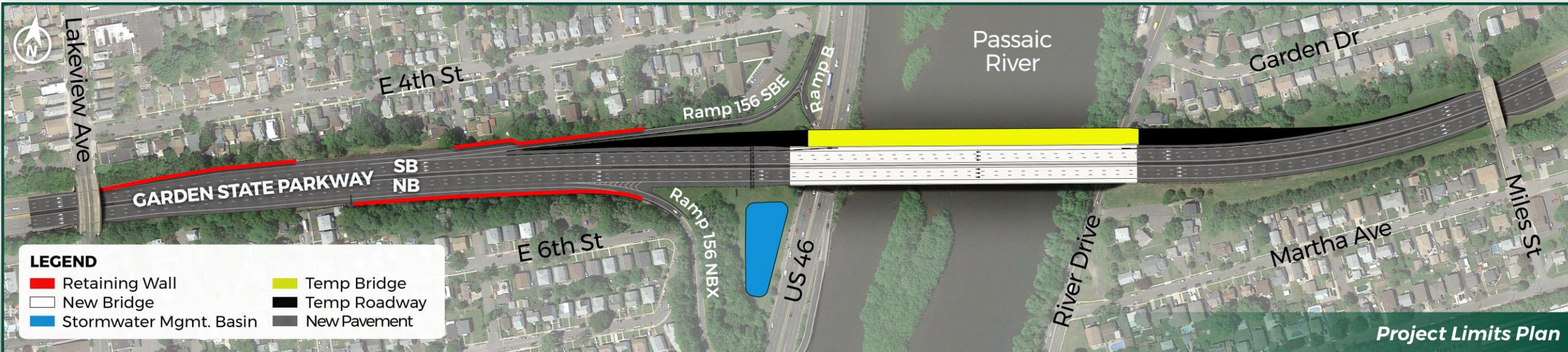
- Provide three 12' lanes, 12' right shoulders, and 5' left shoulders in each direction
- Repair and modify existing substructure
- Existing geometric deficiencies will be improved:
 - *Auxiliary lane lengths*
 - *Shoulder widths on approach roadways*
 - *Vertical clearances (16'-6" over US 46, 15'-9" over River Drive)*
 - *Stopping sight distance*

Project Location





Project Limits Plan

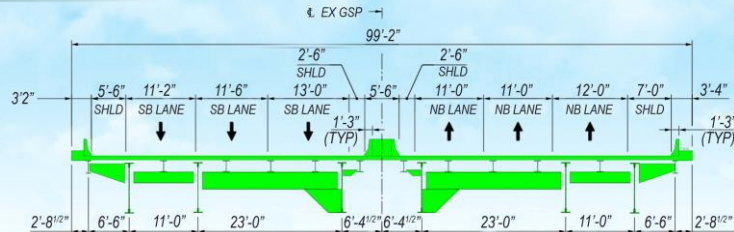


Project Permits

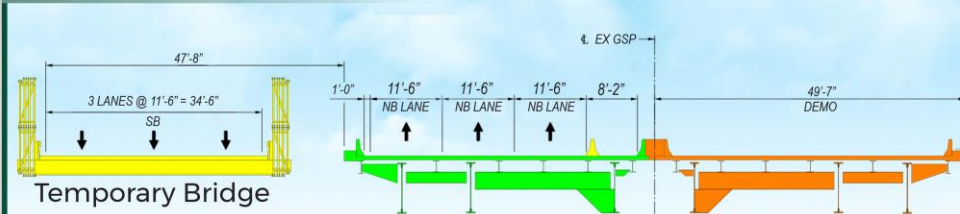
- New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP)
 - *Flood Hazard Area (FHA) Permit*
 - *Fresh Water Wetlands (FWW) Permit*
 - *Water Quality Certificates*
- Hudson-Essex-Passaic Soil Conservation District
 - *Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Certification*
- Bergen County Soil Conservation District
 - *Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Certification*

Construction Stages and Cross Sections

Existing Typical Section



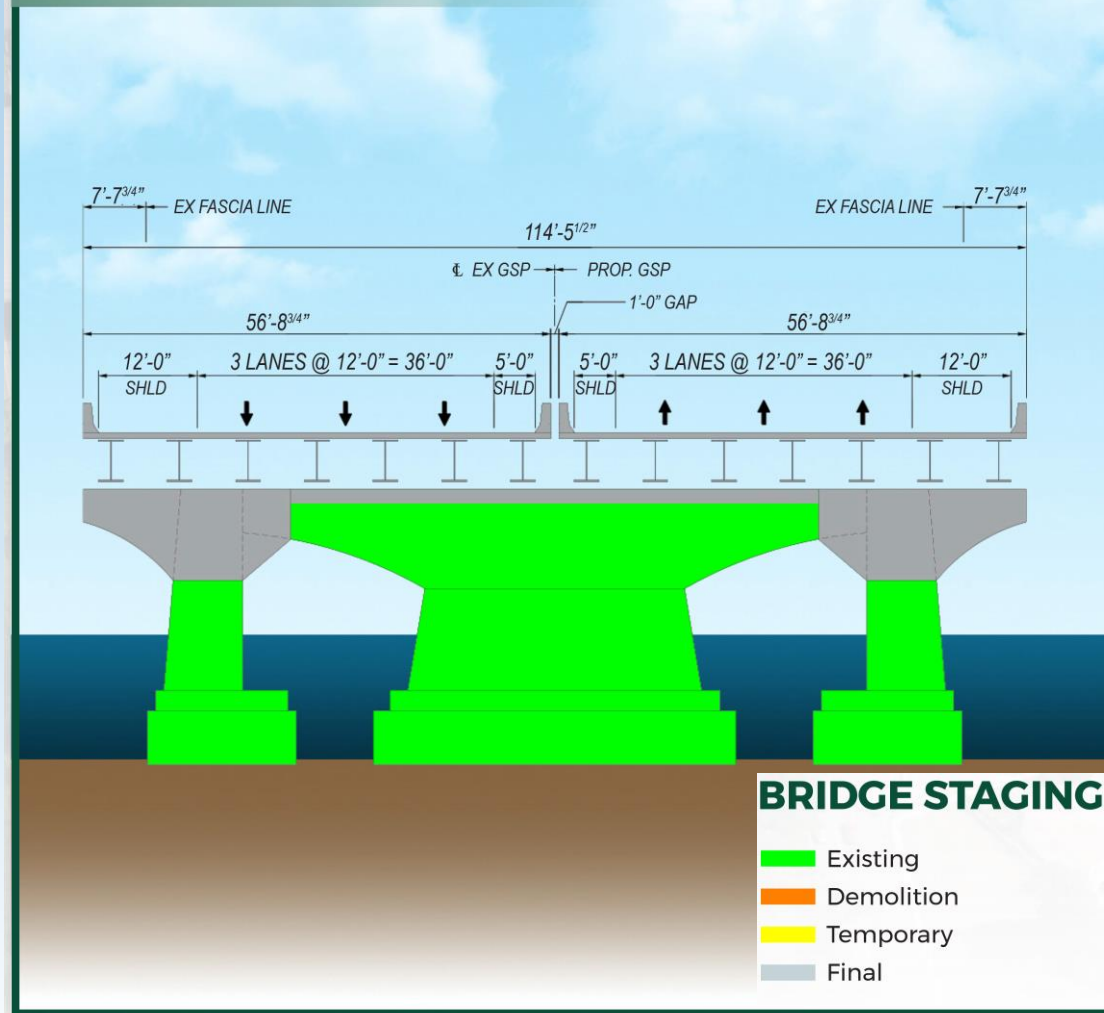
Construction Stage 1



Construction Stage 2



Proposed Typical Section

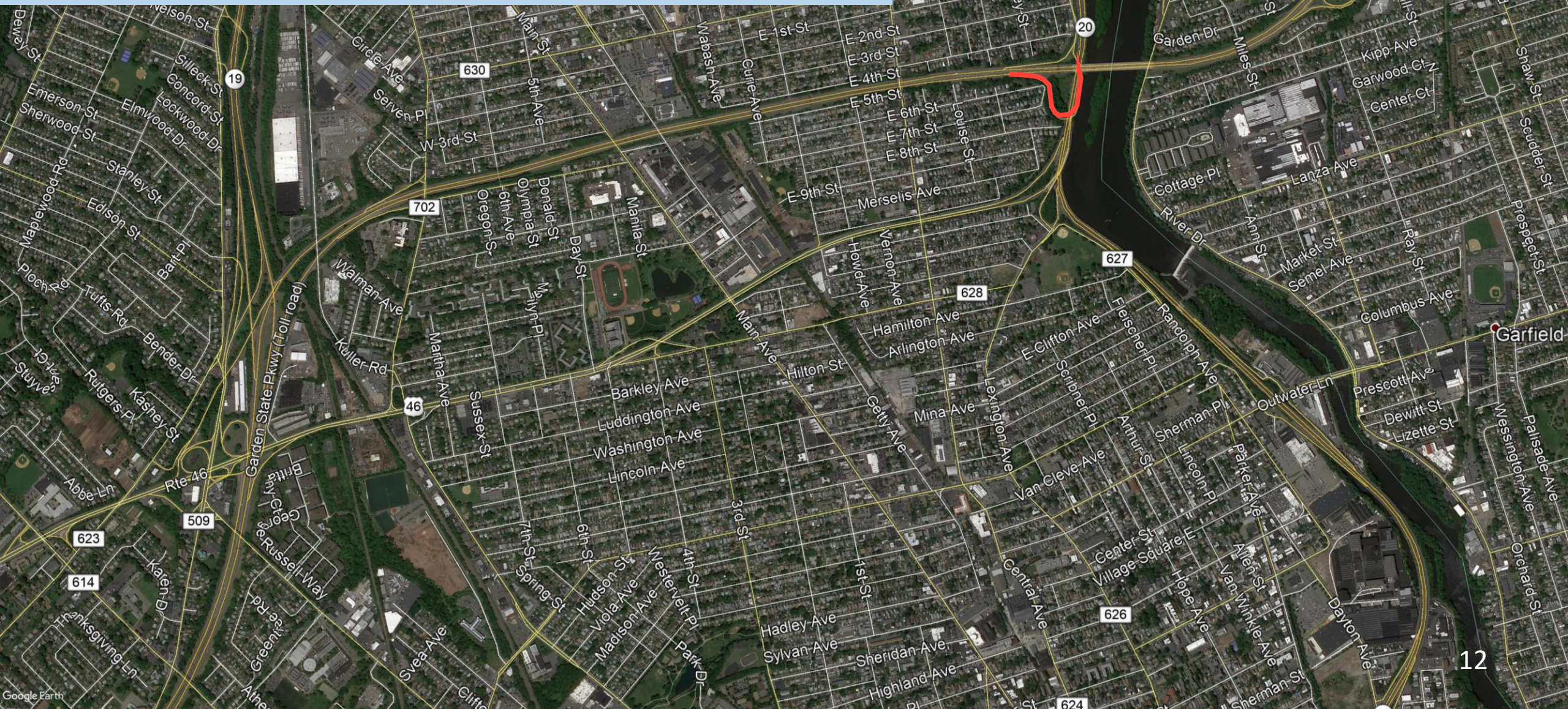


Closures and Detours

- Long Term Full Time Closures
 - *GSP NB to US 20 NB (Ramp 156 NB Exit)*
 - *Lexington Ave. Ramp to US 46 WB*
- Short Term Off Peak Closures
 - *Lexington Ave. Ramp to GSP SB*
 - *Route 21 NB at US 46 EB Merge*
- Slowdowns: Very Short Term (10 minutes) Roadway Closures
 - *GSP (NB) for removing existing girders and setting new girders*
 - *GSP (both directions) for removing existing sign structure and setting new one*
 - *US 46 (both directions) for removing existing sign structures and setting new ones*

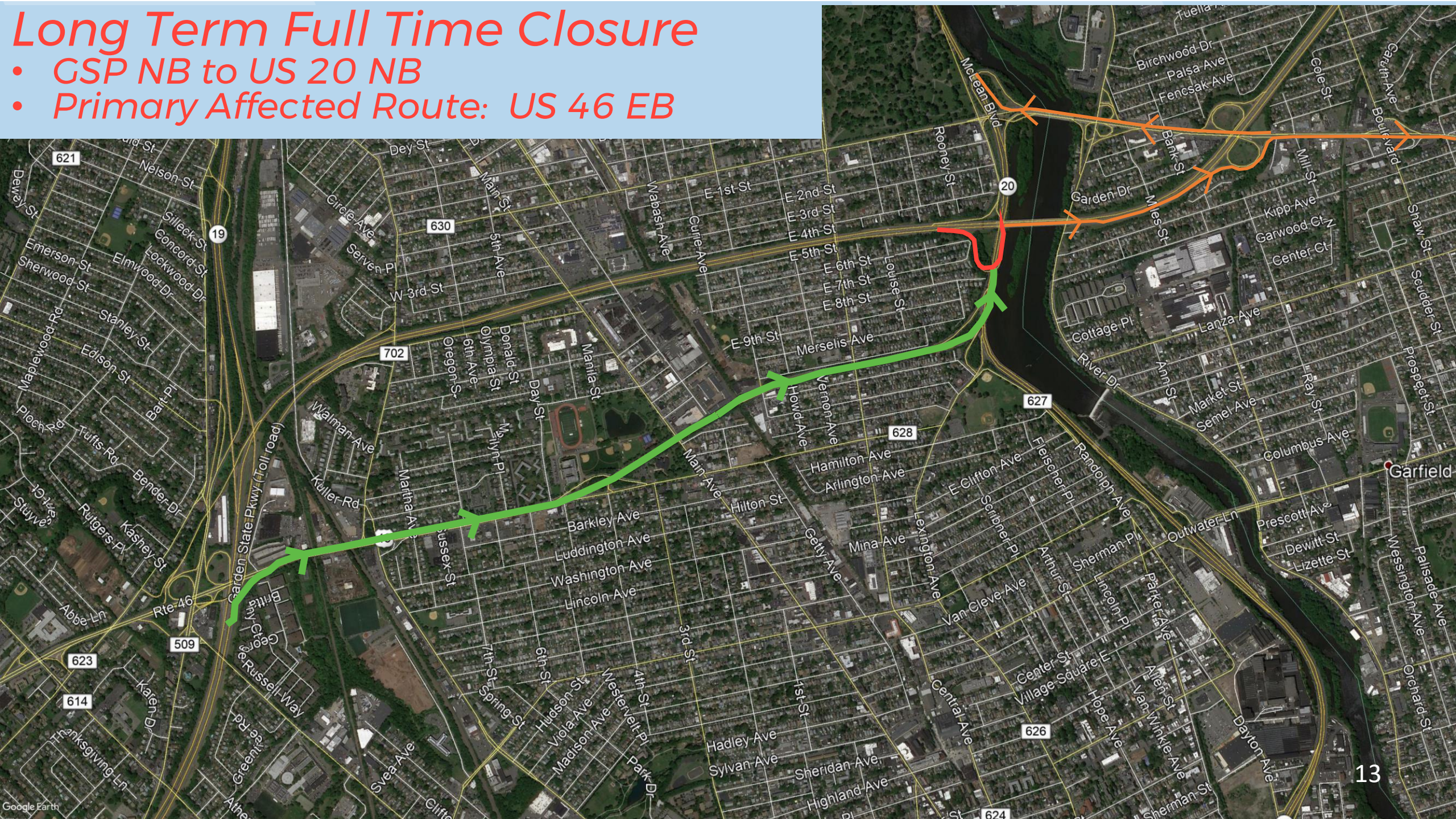
Long Term Full Time Closure

- GSP NB to US 20 NB
- Anticipated to be 3 months duration (for construction of wall adjacent to ramp)



Long Term Full Time Closure

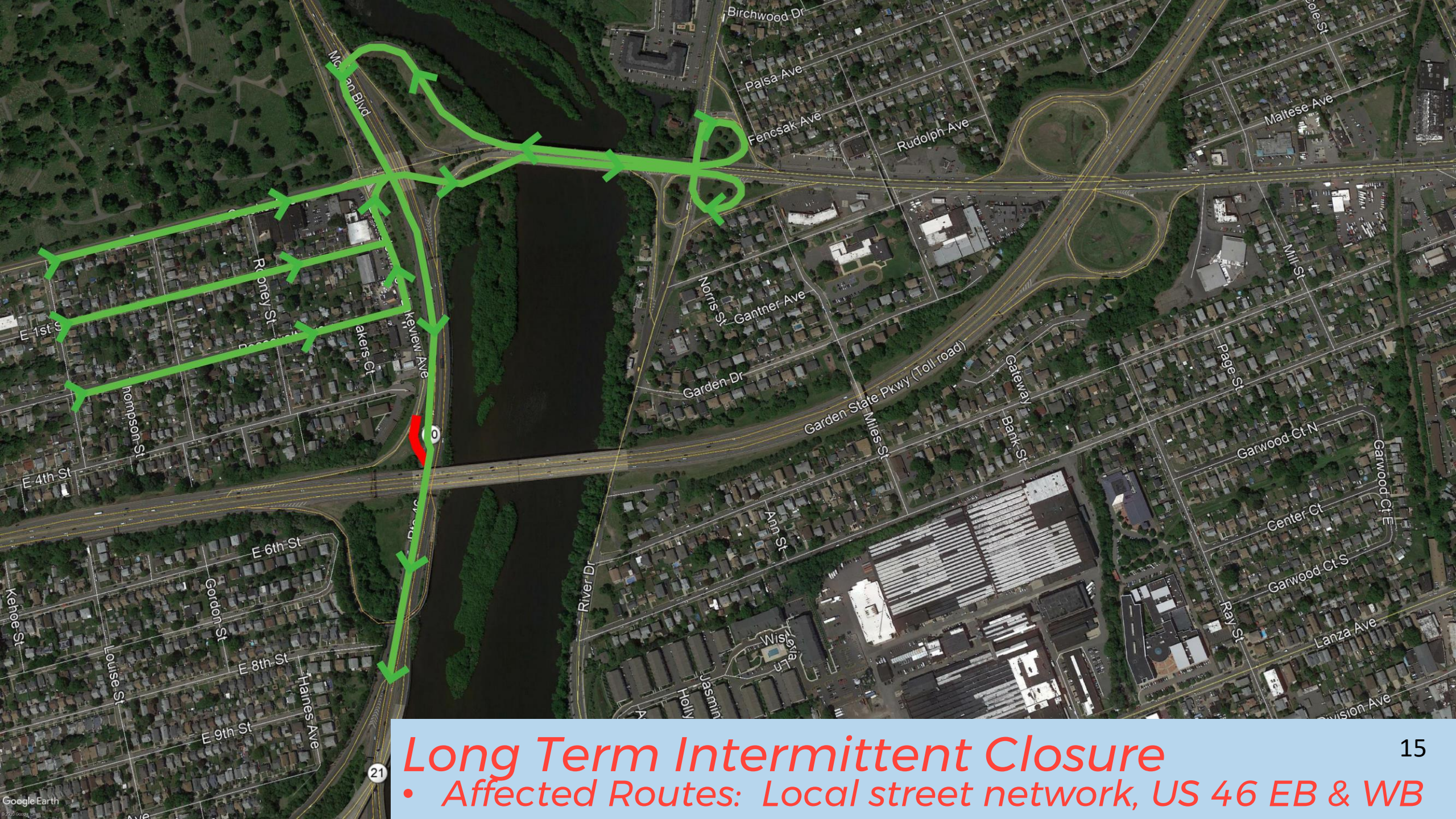
- GSP NB to US 20 NB
- Primary Affected Route: US 46 EB





Long Term Intermittent Closure

- Lexington Ave. Ramp to US 46 WB
- Intermittent detours over the duration of construction (when construction occurs adjacent to the ramp)

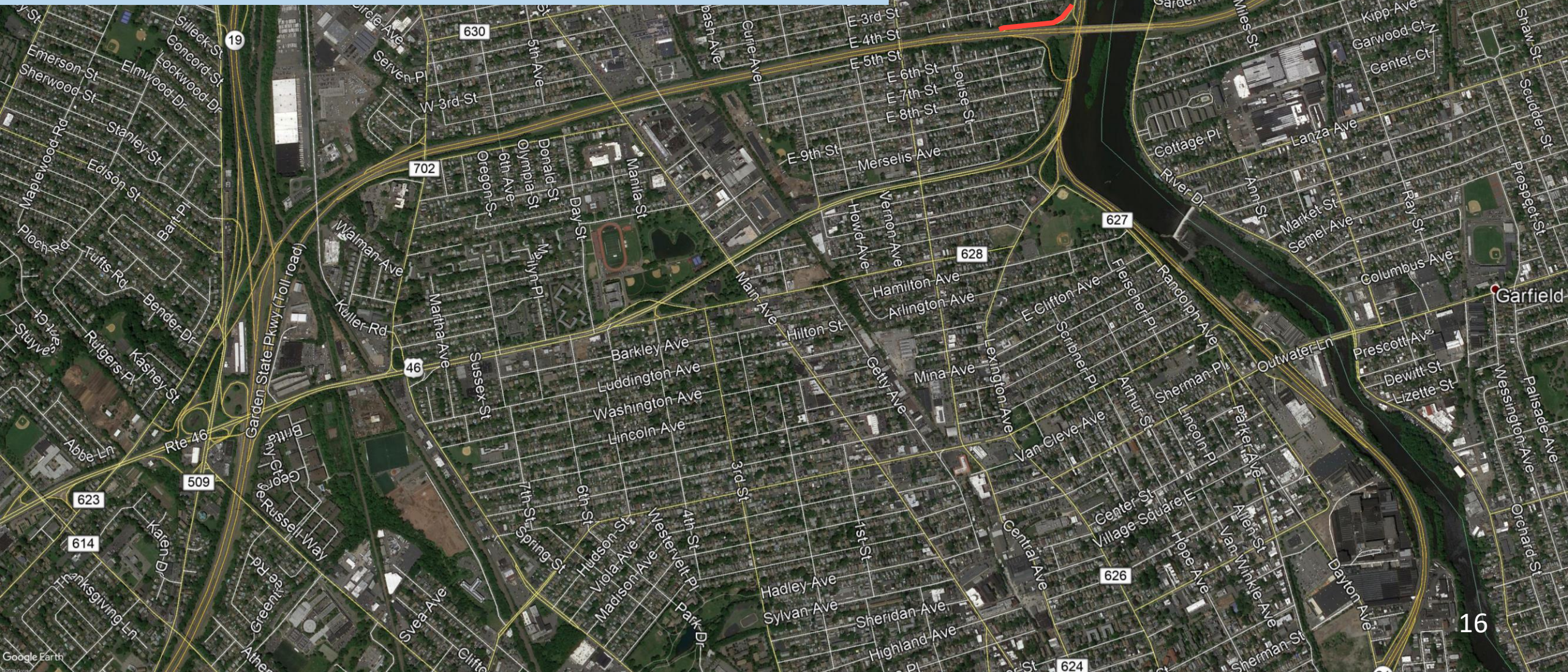


Long Term Intermittent Closure

- Affected Routes: Local street network, US 46 EB & WB

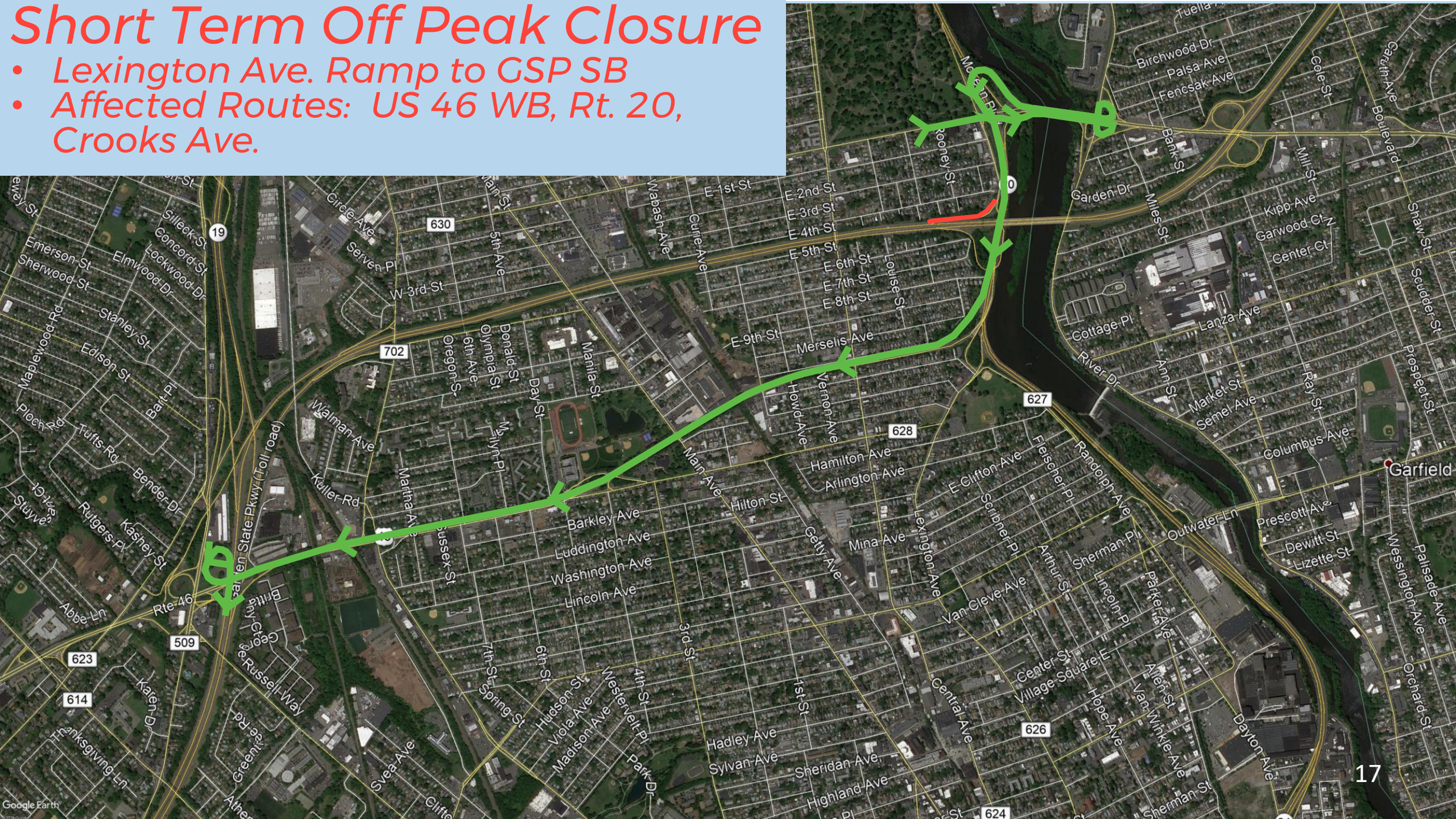
Short Term Off Peak Closure

- Lexington Ave. Ramp to GSP SB
- Series of Short Term Closures
- Limited to 10PM to 6AM (next day)
- Total Duration estimated to be 2 weeks (for construction of relocated ramp tie-ins)



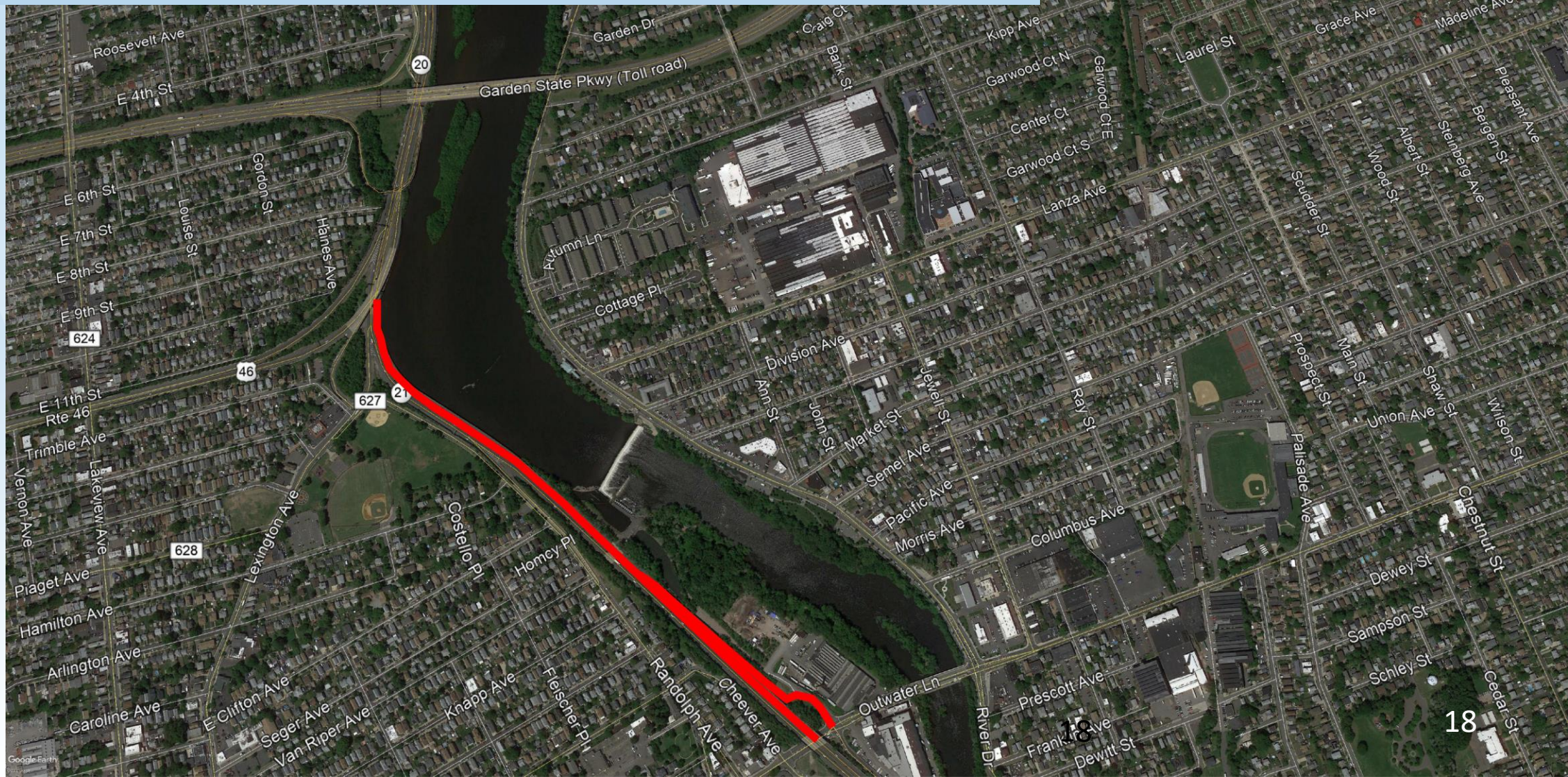
Short Term Off Peak Closure

- Lexington Ave. Ramp to GSP SB
- Affected Routes: US 46 WB, Rt. 20, Crooks Ave.



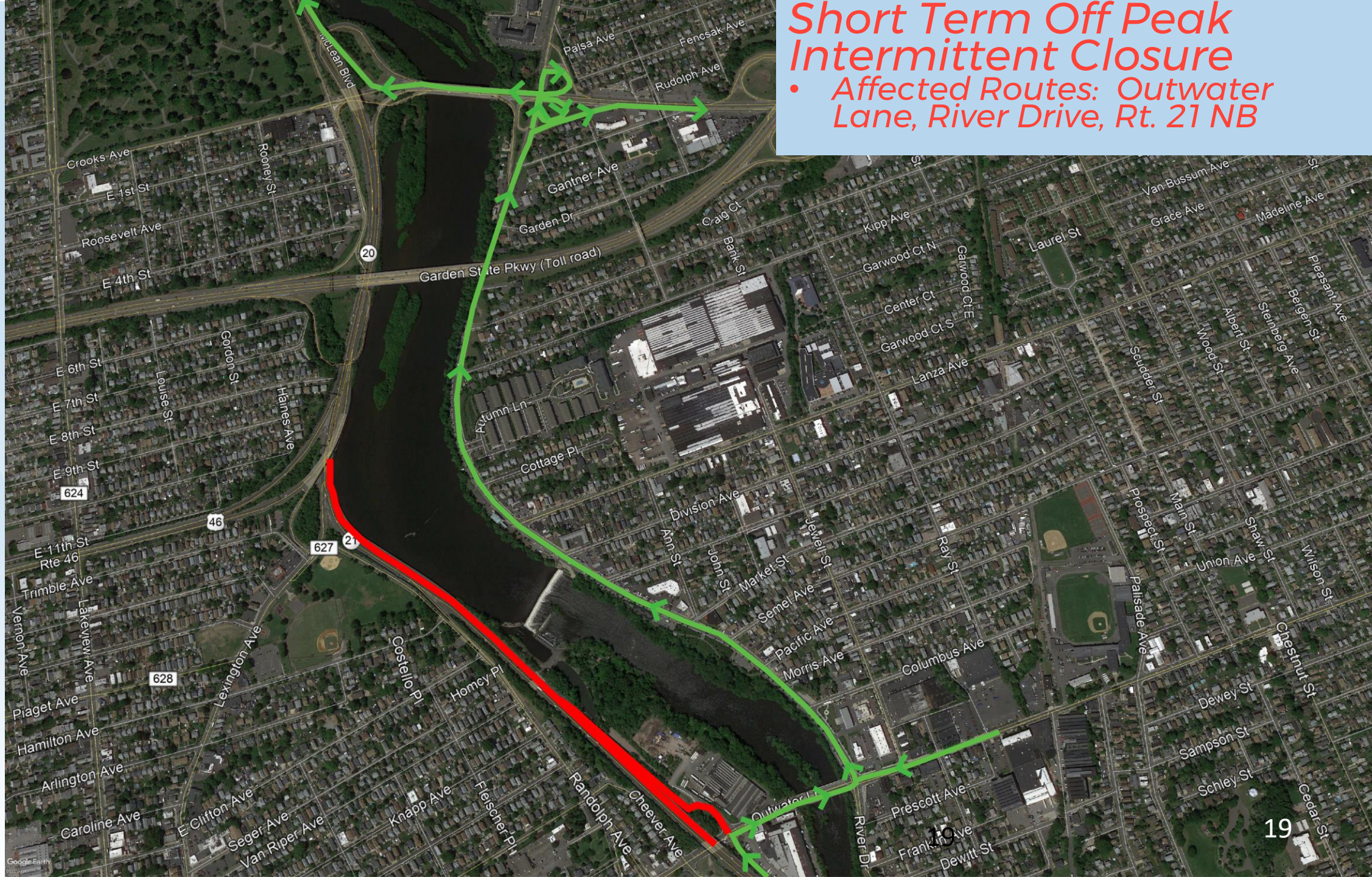
Short Term Intermittent Closure

- Route 21 NB at US 46 EB Merge
- Intermittent closures of Rt. 21 NB for placement of construction barrier along US 46 EB & WB
- Limited to 9PM to 6AM (next day)



Short Term Off Peak Intermittent Closure

- Affected Routes: Outwater Lane, River Drive, Rt. 21 NB



Schedule and Cost

– Anticipated Construction Schedule and Cost

- Construction begins: Spring 2021
- Substantial Completion: Fall 2025
- Duration: 4.5 years
- Estimated Construction Cost: \$75 to \$85 million

Stage	2021				2022				2023				2024				2025			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
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Stage 2																				
Stage 3																				

Summary of Public Comment Period

- Anyone wishing to speak at this hearing will be provided the opportunity.
- Any members of the public wishing to provide written comments may use the address or email address posted on the Authority's website.
(www.njta.com)
- Written comments will be accepted until September 24, 2020, which is the closing date for this EO 172 public hearing.
- The Authority will evaluate the oral and written comments and will address them by way of a Hearing Report that will be prepared by the Authority.
- A copy of the Hearing Report will be available to the public and will be sent to all municipalities and counties within the project area.

Public Comments

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