## NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC FORUM CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT NO. P200 500

## **CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT NO. P200.568**

Drainage Rehabilitation and Sliplining Garden State Parkway Mileposts 110.6 to 116.4 New Jersey No Net Loss Compensatory Reforestation Plan

## Townships of Holmdel and Middletown MONMOUTH COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the New Jersey Turnpike Authority (the "Authority") will hold a Public Forum for the purpose of taking public comment on the New Jersey No Net Loss Compensatory Reforestation Plan for the proposed Drainage Rehabilitation and Sliplining along Garden State Parkway ("GSP") Mileposts 110.6 to 116.4 ("Project") located in the Townships of Holmdel and Middletown, Monmouth County.

The Authority's Maintenance Department has been tasked with maintaining drainage pipes less than 5' in diameter, and associated features, both on and off the roadway to minimize the occurrence of events such as sinkholes, severe flooding, and slope failure. The project proposes drainage pipe replacement and repairs for identified pipes that are beyond their service life. For drainage pipes extending beneath paved lanes of the GSP, the project proposes removing sediment from the existing corrugated metal pipes ("CMP") and sliplining with glass fiber reinforced pipe ("GRP"). For the remaining drainage pipes located beneath unpaved areas, the project proposes replacement of the CMP with high-density polyethylene ("HDPE") pipe or reinforced concrete pipe ("RCP"). Additionally, the proposed improvements include repair of associated headwalls that are significantly damaged or compromised. Tree removal is required to gain access to repair and maintain this infrastructure. The New Jersey No Net Loss Reforestation Act requires New Jersey state entities to replant trees when trees are removed during development projects involving one-half acre or more; therefore, a New Jersey No Net Loss Compensatory Reforestation Plan has been developed.

The Authority will present the improvements that are proposed to be undertaken. In keeping with the emergency orders issued by Governor Murphy as a result of COVID-19, the forum will be held virtually on Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The virtual forum will be held via WebEx and will provide for public access via the web or telephonically. Details for the public to participate in the forum are as follows:

- Attendance by Video: Members of the public can access the meeting on their webconnected device by going to GSPDrainage.com or the Authority's website at www.njta.com, and clicking on the following link:
  - Event Information: Contract No. P200.568 No Net Loss Public Forum
  - o When prompted, enter your full name and email address. The event passcode is automatically filled. Press "Join Meeting" to join the meeting.
- Attendance by Phone (Audio only):
  - o Call 1-202-860-2110

o When prompted, enter the following Meeting number: Meeting number: 179 582 8837

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

The purpose of the forum is to inform the public about the reforestation plan and receive comments. Representatives of the Authority will be available at the forum to discuss the Project. The opportunity for the public to present oral and/or written comments concerning the Project will be provided. All comments received, oral or written, will be responded to in a written Public Forum Report.

Written comments may also be submitted to the Authority prior to the forum and until April 19, 2021, which is the official closing date of the comment period. Written comments should be addressed to:

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