

NOTICE OF PUBLIC FORUM

New Jersey Turnpike Authority

Notice of Public Forum on EO-172 and No Net Loss for Grade Separated U-Turn Program at Milepost 6.4 along the New Jersey Turnpike (Oldmans Township, Salem County).

Take Notice that the New Jersey Turnpike Authority (Authority), as part of the New Jersey No Net Loss Reforestation Act (N.J.S.A. 13:1L-14.1 et seq.) and Executive Order No. 172 (Kean 1987), will conduct a Public Forum to present their plans for deforestation and construction of a grade-separated U-Turn at Milepost 6.4 along the New Jersey Turnpike (the Project).

The Project will construct a new U-Turn bridge which is intended to replace the traffic movement previously provided by the median cut-throughs and will only be for official use (e.g., emergency and maintenance vehicles)

The Project area at Milepost 6.4 includes 4.1 acres of forested land subject to the No Net Loss Compensatory Reforestation Program. The area of disturbance is no larger than is necessary to construct the Project, as the Authority has taken every effort to reduce the impact to forested areas.

The Public Forum will be held on the following date:

Tuesday, December 17, 2024, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Oldmans Municipal Building, 40 Freed Road, Pedricktown, NJ 08067.

At the Public Forum, representative(s) from the Authority will be available to provide project information and answer questions. The public will be given the opportunity to provide both oral and written statements. The public comment period regarding the No Net Loss process will remain open for sixty (60) days following the Public Forum and will close on February 15, 2025. The public comment period regarding the Project under EO172 will remain open for fifteen (15) days following the public forum and will close on January 1, 2025. Written statements may be submitted either at the Public Forum or may be sent to Oleem O'Garro, P.E. at the address provided below.

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