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WHO OWNS AND OPERATES THE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE?

The New Jersey Turnpike Authority (NJTA) was empowered by special legislation in 1949 to regulate the NJ Turnpike. The NJTA is a separate authority under the parent agency, New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), and is governed by an eight-member Board of Commissioners.

HOW IS THIS PROGRAM FUNDED?

The New Jersey Turnpike Interchanges 1 to 4 Capacity Enhancements Program is funded through toll revenues from customers using the NJ Turnpike. There are no federal or state funds used in this Program.

WHY IS INTERCHANGES 1 TO 4 CAPACITY ENHANCEMENTS PROGRAM NEEDED AND WHY IS IT BEING DONE NOW?

Since the official opening of the New Jersey Turnpike in 1951, the NJTA has increased capacity over various sections of the Turnpike to meet the needs of the traveling public. This Program will address the significant growth in traffic volumes that has occured in this section of the Turnpike since it opened in 1951. A needs assessment and operational study of the Corridor revealed safety, mobility and operational concerns that the Program will address. The study found that keeping the Corridor as it currently exists will result in gridlock by the year 2030.

WHAT IMPROVEMENTS CAN BE EXPECTED?

Improvements, which are designed to improve mobility and flow to reduce congestion and impacts to air quality, include:

- ▶ The addition of one lane northbound and one lane southbound – going from two lanes to three in each direction from the Delaware Memorial Bridge to Interchange 4
- Improvements at each of the four Interchanges within the Corridor
- Improvements at the ramp termini to alleviate congestion on the local roadway network
- The expansion of express E-ZPass lanes at the Interchange 1 plaza
- Replacement or rehabilitation of overpass structures along or over the Turnpike
- Opportunities for incorporating green infrastructure, such as EV charging facilities, water quality improvements and automated vehicle planning, mobility and operational concerns that the Program will address

WHAT ARE THE LIMITS OF THE PROGRAM?

The limits of the Program encompass approximately 36.5 miles. The Program starts at the base of the Delaware Memorial Bridge to the south and ends to the north of Interchange 4 on the NJ Turnpike. The Program Corridor spans across the 4 counties and 18 municipalities listed below:

- Salem County: Carneys Point, Oldmans, Pennsville, Pilesgrove
- Gloucester County: Deptford, East Greenwich, West Deptford, Woodbury Heights, Woolwich, Harrison
- ▶ Camden County: Cherry Hill, Haddonfield, Runnemede, Lawnside, Tavistock, Barrington, Bellmawr
- Burlington County: Mount Laurel



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HOW WILL CONSTRUCTION AFFECT REGULAR TRAVEL ROUTES?

Typically, construction should not impede traffic flow on the Turnpike. General traffic advisories for the NJ Turnpike are available through the New Jersey Turnpike Authority's website at www.njta.com/travelresources/travel-alert.

The Capacity Enhancements Program is committed to maintain local roadway/bridge traffic to limit detours during construction.

WILL THE CAPACITY ENHANCEMENTS PROGRAM REQUIRE NOISE BARRIERS?

The New Jersey Turnpike Authority follows a set process for determining the effectiveness and feasibility of building noise barriers. Existing baseline noise levels are recorded and projected noise levels are analyzed to determine the need for noise barriers. If an area is identified as warranting a noise barrier based on an increased noise level, a secondary threshold must be met based on the cost/benefit analysis.

WHEN WILL CONSTRUCTION BEGIN?

The Interchanges 1 to 4 Capacity Enhancements Program Concept Development Phase began in May 2021. Initial construction activities along the Program Corridor are scheduled to begin in 2026.

WHERE CAN I FIND CURRENT INFORMATION ON THE PROGRAM?

The Program Team has established a wealth of resources to keep the lines of communication open, including a Program call line and e-mail address for inquiries and a Interchanges 1 to 4 Capacity Enhancements Program newsletter. A Virtual Room has been launched with interactive digital Program resources and a library of Program documents and can be visited at https://aecomviz.com/NJTA1-4CEP/. Visit www.njta.com/capitalprojects for more information.

DOES THE PROGRAM CONSIDER NEW AND PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND INCREASED TRAFFIC?

Yes. The Program must consider these factors as it complies with New Jersey's Executive Order No. 215, which requires either an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement to be completed. Additionally, the Program must comply with the National Environmental Policy Act for Program elements under federal jurisdiction. The Program must also comply with federal and state regulations, which could require permits and approvals from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Coast Guard and the N.J. Department of Environmental Protection.

HOW CAN I ASK QUESTIONS AND PROVIDE COMMENTS?

The Program has established a call line and e-mail address for the public to submit comments and questions – (855) 277-8282 and NJ1to4@njta.com. Questions can also be submitted through the Program Virtual Information Room at https://aecomviz.com/NJTA1-4CEP/.

As the Program advances, the Program Team will host Public Information Centers and Public Hearings to present the Program. All public comments received by the NJTA will be considered during Program development.