

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Route 50 Bridge Replacement
Upper Township, Cape May County

Environmental Presentation Meeting

Wednesday, December 12, 2007 at 7:00 P.M.
Upper Township Municipal Building
2100 Tuckahoe Road, Cape May County

The Meeting

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) cordially invites you to attend an Environmental Presentation for the above project. The purpose of this Presentation is to inform the local community of the environmental studies and historic preservation studies done for the project. A Public Information Center was held for this project in 2003.

If you are unable to attend, but are interested in learning more about the project, or if you are physically challenged and require assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact Tony Marsella at the address and telephone number listed below.

Proposed Project

This project is needed to improve the safety of the traveling public by replacing the bridge and repaving the highway through the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue, including the following:

- Tuckahoe – Mt. Pleasant Road will be made into one-way from Route 50 to Kendall Lane. Kendall Lane will be widened slightly to accommodate two-way traffic.
- At the intersection of Rt. 49 and 50, a left-turn lane will be added to Rt. 50 and left turn and right turn lanes will be added to Rt. 49
- Replace the traffic signal at Rt. 49 and 50.
- New sidewalks and landscaping will be installed at various locations on Route 50.

A temporary bridge will be provided to carry traffic in both directions during construction of the new bridge.

Environmental

Cultural resource surveys were performed for this project, which have been reviewed by the State Historic

Preservation Officer. The project was examined by staff qualified to conduct Section 106 evaluations (meaning staff that meets the *Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards*). Underground artifacts were found within the project's Area of Potential Effects.

The project contains the following cultural resources:

1. South Tuckahoe Historic District, which is listed on the New Jersey Register of Historic Places.
2. National Register of Historic Places eligible Historic District (North and South Tuckahoe District)
3. Two National Register of Historic Places eligible archaeological sites (Mosquito Landing Road and Williams-Shoemaker site)
4. The Rt. 50 bridge is also considered an individual resource which is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

As a result of the investigations and the proposed design, it has been determined that the project will adversely affect the above resources.

The design will include special features to mitigate the adverse effect on the historic resources, to be determined in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office. Some of the special features will include colored concrete sidewalks and historic-look lighting fixtures. Possible historic style bridge railings and other features will be evaluated when the Department of Transportation begins design of the project. These will be reviewed by the staff of the State Historic Preservation Office. Additionally, the plans and specifications will be reviewed by the State Historic Preservation Office staff prior to the construction bidding process.



Next Steps in the Process

- February 2008 - Make presentation to NJ Department of Environmental Protection's Historic Sites Council.
- March 2008 - Achieve a signature from State Historic Preservation Office and Federal Highway Administration on a Memorandum of Agreement.
- April 2008 - Prepare the Categorical Exclusion Document and achieve the Federal Highway Administration's signature on it.
- After the Categorical Exclusion Document is signed, Department of Transportation is allowed to begin design of the project.
- The project's approximate construction cost is \$15,000,000.

Community Relations

The NJDOT is committed to developing roadway improvements that satisfy local and regional transportation needs and safety concerns. Residents from the surrounding area are encouraged to actively participate by attending public meetings and providing comments and input. By participating in the public meetings, interested citizens can provide insight and suggestions, which will assist in developing the most appropriate, cost effective and environmentally sensitive solution for improving the transportation needs within their community.

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