

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Route 173 Bridge over Pohatcong Creek
Greenwich Township, Warren County, NJ
Public Information Center
Wednesday, February 6th, 2019 -- 6:00 – 8:00 PM

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), committed to developing transportation improvements that best balance transportation needs, the environment, community concerns and costs, will hold a **Public Information Center (PIC)** to provide local residents and businesses with information on the **Rt. 173 Bridge over Pohatcong Creek (Structure No. 2103-152) Bridge Replacement**. You are encouraged to actively participate by providing comments at the meeting, by mail, or by e-mail.

THE MEETING

The Public Information Center will be held at:
Greenwich Township Municipal Building
321 Greenwich Street
Stewartsville, NJ 08886
Wednesday, February 6th, 2019
From 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Please come at a time that is convenient for you. You will have an opportunity to review exhibits of the proposed project, ask questions and discuss any concerns with NJDOT representatives and the Contractor. Property owners with rental units are advised that tenants are also invited and encouraged to participate.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The structure is located at Route 173 M.P.1.50 in Greenwich Township, Warren County. Route 173 is classified as an Urban Minor Arterial/ Land Service Highway. The existing bridge is a reinforced concrete arch built in 1914 carrying two lanes of traffic over the Pohatcong Creek. The structure consists of a single 60' clear span measured parallel to the roadway with a total structure width of 36.3'. The bridge is skewed 43 degrees to the waterway. The arch supports an earthen fill confined on the outside by reinforced concrete spandrel walls and wingwalls. The roadway pavement is placed directly on the earthen fill. Under current conditions, the existing structure features one travel lane in each direction and no full shoulders.

The structure is proposed for replacement due to structural conditions and rehabilitation was not practical.

THE PROPOSED PROJECT

The project is to replace the existing structurally deficient bridge over the Pohatcong Creek with a single-span bridge, 112' long, consisting of a concrete deck, simply supported Prestressed Concrete Girder on pile footings. The roadway configuration will be two (2) 12' lanes, two (2) 8' shoulders. The proposed parapet has been coordinated with NJDEP State Historic Preservation Office. The improvements will extend from approximately M.P. 1.42 to M.P. 1.61 due to the need to upgrade existing guiderail. Utility pole relocations are required to replace the structure.

CONSTRUCTION AND DETOUR

Construction staging will require a detour due to environmental sensitive areas surrounding the structure. The detour route will be as follows:

- During closure, Rt. 173 will be closed in the vicinity of the structure
- Rt. 173 through traffic will be detoured via I-78:
 - Rt. 173 Eastbound traffic will remain on I-78 or be detoured through the Rt. 122 / Rt. 22 traffic signal
 - Rt. 173 Westbound traffic will be detoured onto I-78 (Exit 7 Interchange)
- Local traffic detour will utilize CR 637 (South Main Street), Beatty's Road and CR 644 (Greenwich Church Road)
- Detour is estimated to start in March 2019 and be in place for approximately 12-13 months

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATION AND PERMITTING

- No adverse hydraulic impacts on flood elevations
- Approved permits/ coordination included:
 - NJDEP Flood Hazard Area (FHA) Individual Permit (IP)
 - NJDEP Freshwater Wetlands GP10A Permit
 - Cultural Resources and NJ State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Coordination: State regulations pertaining to the protection of cultural resources, referred to, respectively, as the Section 106 and the New Jersey Register of Historic Places Act processes, require the NJDOT to take into account the effect of proposed projects upon cultural resources listed on, or eligible for listing on, the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places. These processes require coordination between the NJDOT and the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office, along with other appropriate consulting and interested parties and have taken place. The proposed project will have No Adverse Effect with conditions

Governor Phil Murphy
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Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti

