



Virtual Public Information Center

Date: August 1, 2021 – August 14, 2021
Route 3 and 495 Interchange
North Bergen Township, Hudson County

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 Virtual Public Information Center (PIC) to provide local residents and businesses with information on the **Route 3 and 495 Interchange Project**. You are encouraged to actively participate by providing comments by mail or e-mail.

THE MEETING

This PIC will be held virtually. Please visit the following website any time between August 1 and August 14 to learn more about the project and leave comments. Comments will be received through August 31.

<http://www.Route3-495PIC.com>

You will have an opportunity to review a presentation, exhibits of the relevant items, submit questions, and leave feedback. Property owners with rental units are advised that tenants are also invited and encouraged to participate.

BACKGROUND

The overall project purpose is to enhance safety and reduce delays at the Route 3 and Route 495 Interchange. The project also consists of rehabilitation or replacement of the bridge that carries Route 495 eastbound and Ramps B and J over Route 3 (see ramp descriptions below); deck replacement for the bridge that carries Route 3 eastbound and the South Service Road over Ramp J; and safety and operational improvements to Ramps A, B, C, D, F, G, H, J, and U (ramp descriptions below).

THE PROPOSED PROJECT

The Preliminary Preferred Alternative (PPA) proposes to realign the Route 3 and Route 495 eastbound mainlines along their westbound counterparts. The left-hand exit of Ramp J (Route 3 eastbound to Route 495 eastbound) would be realigned as a right-hand exit. Access to Ramp B (Route 3 eastbound to Route 495 eastbound) will be maintained. Route 495 eastbound will be divided from the NJ Turnpike (NJTP) into local and express roadways. The existing ramps from NJTP will be modified to access each roadway. The express roadway will continue east adjacent to the westbound alignment and tie into the left-

most lane of the Route 495 Viaduct. All lanes will merge into the four existing eastbound lanes on the Viaduct. The express roadway will serve points east of the Viaduct, such as the Lincoln Tunnel. The local roadway will serve points immediately east of the interchange, such as 30th Street, JFK Boulevard, Paterson Plank Road, etc. Route 495 westbound will also be widened to provide a three and four lane section west of Ramps D (Route 495 westbound to Route 3 westbound) and C (Route 3 westbound to Route 495 westbound), respectively.

Ramp C will be replaced with a standard loop ramp carried over ramp D and the existing NJ Transit Park and Ride lot via a 6-span structure. Ramp G (current Route 495 eastbound) will also be realigned as Route 495 eastbound local and merge with Ramp B on a replaced structure over Route 3 before tying into the viaduct in the right-most lane. The Route 3 South Service Road (SSR) ramp will be reduced to one lane and the structure carrying the same over Ramp J will be replaced.

A two-lane exit will be provided at the exit to 30th Street/Columbia Avenue and JFK Boulevard with a decision lane to either the ramp or to continue on Route 495 eastbound. Columbia Avenue will be widened and reconfigured at its intersection with Paterson Plank Road to improve operations. The PPA also includes replacement of four existing structures, construction of two new bridges for Rt 495 eastbound, and construction of a new bridge to carry Ramp C over Ramp D. New overhead and cantilever sign structures will be constructed for the interchange reconfiguration.

ANTICIPATED PROJECT SCHEDULE

- Concept Development Phase complete: Fall 2021
- Design Phase begins: FY 2022
- Construction begins: FY 2027

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