



Virtual Public Information Center

**Route 34, Bridge over Former Brick Yard Road
Old Bridge Township, Middlesex County, NJ
October 2, 2023 – October 16, 2023**

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), committed to developing transportation improvements that best balance transportation needs, the environment, community concerns, and costs is holding a Virtual Public Information Center (PIC) to provide local residents, officials, and businesses with information about the **Route 34, Bridge over Former Brick Yard Road project**. You are encouraged to actively participate by providing comments via the website comment section, via e-mail, or via mail.

The Meeting

To reach as many people as possible, this Public Information Center will be held virtually. Please visit the following website at a time that is convenient for you between October 2, 2023 and October 16, 2023:

<http://www.rt34overbrickyardroad.com/>

On the website, you will have an opportunity to review a presentation and general project information, submit questions, and/or leave feedback. Property owners with rental units are advised that tenants are also invited and encouraged to participate. If you are unable to view the website but are interested in learning about this project, please contact us at the telephone numbers or email addresses listed on this flyer.

Background

The Route 34 Bridge over Former Brick Yard Road was constructed circa 1928 to carry Route 34 over a former private access road. It is an approximately 13 feet long, single span, concrete bridge. The existing structure is in poor condition.

The Project

After reviewing several rehabilitation and replacement alternatives during the design phases of the project, the NJDOT has decided to eliminate the existing bridge and fill in the existing opening with soil. A reinforced soil retaining wall will be installed at the east face of the bridge to retain the proposed fill and avoid impacts to adjacent properties, while the west side will be fully backfilled. The existing roadway width and configuration will be approximately maintained, except that minor improvements will be made to roadway striping and upgrades will be made to roadside safety devices.

Construction Staging

The proposed work is scheduled to occur primarily during daytime hours in two main construction stages (working from west to east). One lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained at all times, as will access to adjacent ramps, streets, and driveways, except as follows:

- For Stage 1, Route 34 southbound and the ramp to Perrine Road will be temporarily closed, and traffic detoured for approximately 2 weeks.
- For all stages, the intersection of Washington Avenue and Route 34 will be temporarily closed, and traffic detoured.

Temporary nighttime and weekend closures may be required for final paving activities.



Estimated Project Schedule

The construction contract was awarded on June 7, 2023, with initial preparation work ongoing. The following is the estimated construction schedule:

- Start Construction: Fall 2023
- Substantial Completion: Spring 2024
- Final Completion: Summer 2024

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