



Virtual Public Information Center

June 14 - June 27, 2021

Route 15 & Berkshire Valley Road (CR699)
Township of Jefferson, Morris 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 15 & Berkshire Valley Road (CR 699) Intersection Improvement Project**. You are encouraged to actively participate by providing comments by mail or e-mail.

THE MEETING

Due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency the Public Information Center will be held virtually. Please visit the following website at a time that is convenient for you between June 14 and June 27:

www.Rt15BvrPIC.com

The purpose of the presentation is to provide information about the proposed intersection improvement project. You will have an opportunity to review the presentation, submit questions, and 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 presentation but are interested in learning about this project, please contact us at the telephone number or email address listed below.

BACKGROUND

Route 15 in the Township of Jefferson is a highly congested corridor that provides regional access to points north and south with heavy delays experienced by motorists in both the morning and evening peak hours. The goal of this project is to improve the safety and operation of the signalized intersection of Route 15 and Berkshire Valley Road (CR 699).

THE PROPOSED PROJECT

The NJDOT proposes to realign and widen Berkshire Valley Road to improve the geometry and to accommodate a five-lane section between Route 15

northbound and southbound. This new five-lane section will include a dual left turn lane from Berkshire Valley Road southbound to Route 15 southbound. Additional improvements include widening and extending the Route 15 northbound outside through lane; the construction of sidewalks in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); the complete replacement of the two traffic signals; and upgrades to the existing stormwater conveyance system and guide rail.

Construction will be completed in two primary stages while maintaining the existing lane configurations and function of the intersections. During Stage 1, the travel lanes will be shifted to accommodate the proposed widening. During Stage 2, the travel lanes will be shifted onto the newly widened roadways while the remainder of the improvements are constructed.

Daily lane closures during daytime off-peak and overnight hours in addition to overnight ramp closures with a detour are proposed to limit congestion and delay. Access to businesses and residences will be maintained.

Utility and access impacts are necessary for this project. Right-of-way will be required, including partial acquisitions and easements.

PROJECT SCHEDULE (contingent upon availability of funds)

<i>Complete Design:</i>	Spring 2022
<i>Start Construction:</i>	Summer 2022
<i>Complete Construction:</i>	Summer 2023

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