

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Route 206 over CSX Railroad Bridge Replacement
Montgomery Township, Somerset County

Public Information Center
Wednesday, October 15, 2008, 4 – 7 pm

Purpose of Meeting

The purpose of the Public Information Center is to inform the community of the New Jersey Department of Transportation's (NJDOT) proposed plan for the replacement of the Route 206 Bridge over CSX railroad. The Public Information Center is conducted in an "open house" format where display boards are available for public inspection. Representatives from NJDOT and the design firm will be available to answer questions. Comments from the Public are welcome.

Background

NJDOT proposes to replace the Route 206 Bridge over CSX railroad that is severely deteriorated. This project will also improve the curvature of the Route 206 roadway north of the bridge. This project is a result of the input received at previous information centers, the State Historic Preservation Office and the CSX.

The Proposed Project

NJDOT proposes to:

- Relocate the replacement bridge approximately 200 feet to the south of the existing bridge improving the geometry of the Route 206 approach roadways.
- Improve the severe curve on County Route 601 and replace the existing multi-leg intersection of Route 206 and County Route 601 with a signaled "T" intersection.

Proposed Reforestation Plan

The New Jersey No Net Loss Reforestation Act, enacted by the New Jersey Senate and General Assembly and approved on January 29, 2001, requires any state entity to hold a public forum when one or more acres of deforestation occurs in an area owned or maintained by that entity to present to the public the deforestation and reforestation plans for that project. There will be approximately 4.5 acres of deforestation.

The majority of the tree removal will be done along the new alignment of Route 206. Measures will be taken to protect as much of the existing trees as possible. The proposed landscape plan replaces all of the trees within the limits of the project.

Cultural Resources

The proposed improvements lie in the vicinity of the Delaware and Bound Brook Railroad Historic District and Belle Mead Railroad Station. The Route 206 Bridge is a contributing element to both properties and removal of the bridge will have an adverse effect on them. This effect has been documented in a Memorandum of Agreement specifying measures that will be taken by NJDOT to mitigate its effect, including that the design of the replacement bridge exhibit characteristics of the existing bridge.

The Status

The project is in the Final Design phase. Right-of-Way appraisal began in Fall 2008. Construction is anticipated to start in the Fall 2009.

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