

**I-295/I-76/Route 42 Direct Connection Project
New Jersey Department of Transportation
Sixth Public Information Center
Bellmawr, NJ
Thursday, February 15, 2007
3:00 PM–8:00 PM**

SUMMARY OF THE MEETING

Approximately sixty five participants representing the general public in the project area and surrounding communities, local businesses, local, elected borough and county officials and/or their representatives, state and county agencies such as NJ Transit, NJDEP, Camden County DPW, PATCO/DRPA, South Jersey Transportation Authority, and utilities representatives attended the sixth Public Information Center conducted for the New Jersey Department of Transportation's I-295/I-76/Route 42 Direct Connection Project on Thursday, February 15, 2007 at the Bellmawr Ballroom in Bellmawr, NJ. The PIC commenced at 3 PM and concluded at approximately 8:00 PM.

The following stations were included in the PIC: Sign up table; Project Purpose and Project Milestones (Flow Chart); 200 Scale Plans depicting the five alternatives, D, D1, G2, H1 and K as well as the Environmental Impacts for each alternative; Power Point presentation of photo simulations showing various locations within the project both with and without noise walls; Alternative Analysis Process including the Summary of TES Findings/Summary of Engineering Criteria, Alternatives Comparison Matrix, Alternatives Analysis and a Concurrence Board; Alternative D, the Initially Preferred Alternative, was presented on 50 Scale plans followed by the proposed noise wall locations and design process; the Section 106-Historic Preservation flow chart; and the Project Schedule.

Members of the project team were available at each of the stations to assist visitors and provide answers/explanations.

A summary of comments/discussions follows:

- Sharon Paul Carpenter spoke with Drew Kapur, Special Counsel to the Diocese of Camden and their attorney Francis Monari of McKernan, McKernan and Godina regarding how Alternative D noise levels may affect the Diocese properties. Craig Johnson, Jody Barankin and Denise Peck of Right of Way joined the conversation and they looked at the Browning Road photo simulations with noise walls viewed from the south of the cemetery mausoleums. Impact to the Annunciation School was discussed. Jody and

Denise answered questions regarding the advance acquisition process. Contact information was exchanged in the event the gentlemen had additional questions.

- **Joe Murphy was concerned that the highway will be too close to the school and create an adverse air quality impact; he was referred to Sharon who discussed the Air Quality TES results for the project.**
- **Bill Brook who was interested in noise wall placement along Route 42 South also spoke with Sharon regarding the noise level results in that area.**
- **Brian Sheehan of Bellmawr was interested in becoming a member of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC). Pat Saulino provided him with information regarding CAC membership.**
- **Anthony Bocchi of the Camden County Freeholders' Office spoke with Pat Saulino and suggested that it would be a good idea to make a presentation to the Camden County Planning Board. Pat said she would pass his suggestion to the appropriate people.**
- **Colleen Bisaga of 304 Bell Road, Mt. Ephraim spoke with Jody Barankin, Craig Johnson and Patricia Feliciano regarding flooding on her property and the lack of maintenance of the culvert contiguous to her property. She was informed that NJDOT will perform maintenance work in the area of the culvert later this year. Ms. Bisaga stated her property continues to flood and that she demolished one of the houses on her property because of this. She indicated that her house had been moved into the floodplain by the NJDOT at the time of the I-295 construction. Ms. Bisaga was also concerned about the lack of visibility from her driveway after the Interchange reconstruction.**
- **Several participants inquired about the schedule for the Missing Moves Project and Bruce Riegel spent time explaining the current status of Missing Moves.**
- **Residents on the corner of Victory Drive and Browning Road directly across from Annunciation Church were interested in the specific impacts to their properties. Jim Heeren showed the residents the Impact Boards and they seemed satisfied with the plans.**
- **Representatives of DRPA/PATCO spoke with Jody Barankin and Craig Johnson about their study to extend rail into Gloucester County.**

Attendees were given the "Questions/Comments" sheets to complete. They were told that if they did not wish to fill them out at the PIC, they could mail, fax or email

them back to Dewberry. Subsequent to the meeting, Dewberry has received feedback by mail expressing satisfaction not only with the PIC presentation but also with the recommendation of Alternative D as the Initially Preferred Alternative

We believe the foregoing record to be an accurate summary of the discussion and the progress of the meeting. We would appreciate notification of exceptions or corrections to the Minutes within five (5) working days of receipt. Without notification, we will consider these Minutes to be a record of fact.

**Sincerely,
Dewberry**

**Patricia Saulino
Project Team**