

Replacement Of Route 36 Highlands Bridge Over Shrewsbury River

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New Jersey
Department of Transportation

ROUTE 36 BRIDGE

- Built in 1932.
- 35 Foot Movable Bridge.
 - Overall Height to Top of Towers – 68.5 Feet.
 - Height of the Movable Span- 110 Feet.
- Four Traffic Lanes without Shoulders.
- Sidewalks on Each Side.

CHARACTERISTICS

- Coastal Evacuation Route.
- Emergency Services Route.
- Vehicle use:
 - Summer: 30,000/day.
 - Off-season: 18,000/day.
- Vital Regional Link over Shrewsbury River.

EXISTING BRIDGE CONDITION: SAFETY

- Rapidly Deteriorating Conditions.
- Rated Worst Movable Bridge in New Jersey.
- Exceeds Anticipated Life Expectancy.









EXISTING BRIDGE CONDITION: RELIABILITY

- Cannot Efficiently Carry out Coast Guard Mandate on Bridge Openings.
- Bridge Opens 700 times Each Summer Season.
- Bridge Broke Down 14 Times Just in 2006.

EXISTING BRIDGE CONDITION: COST-EFFICIENCY

- Priority Maintenance Construction:
\$10 Million since 1991
- Emergency Maintenance :
 - Has Progressively Increased
 - Exceeding \$1 Million Annually since 2005
- Annual Drawbridge Operation Costs :
\$400,000

OPTIONS

- Repair & Rehabilitate.
- Replace Existing Bridge with a Movable Bridge.
- Replace Existing Bridge with a Fixed Span Bridge.

OPTION ONE: REPAIR

- Requires Extended Closure of Bridge and Detour of Route 36.
- Construction Costs Alone Range From \$86 Million to \$96 Million Based Upon 2007 Estimates.
- Rehabilitation will Yield Only 20 Additional Years Service Life.

OPTION TWO: BUILD A NEW MOVABLE BRIDGE

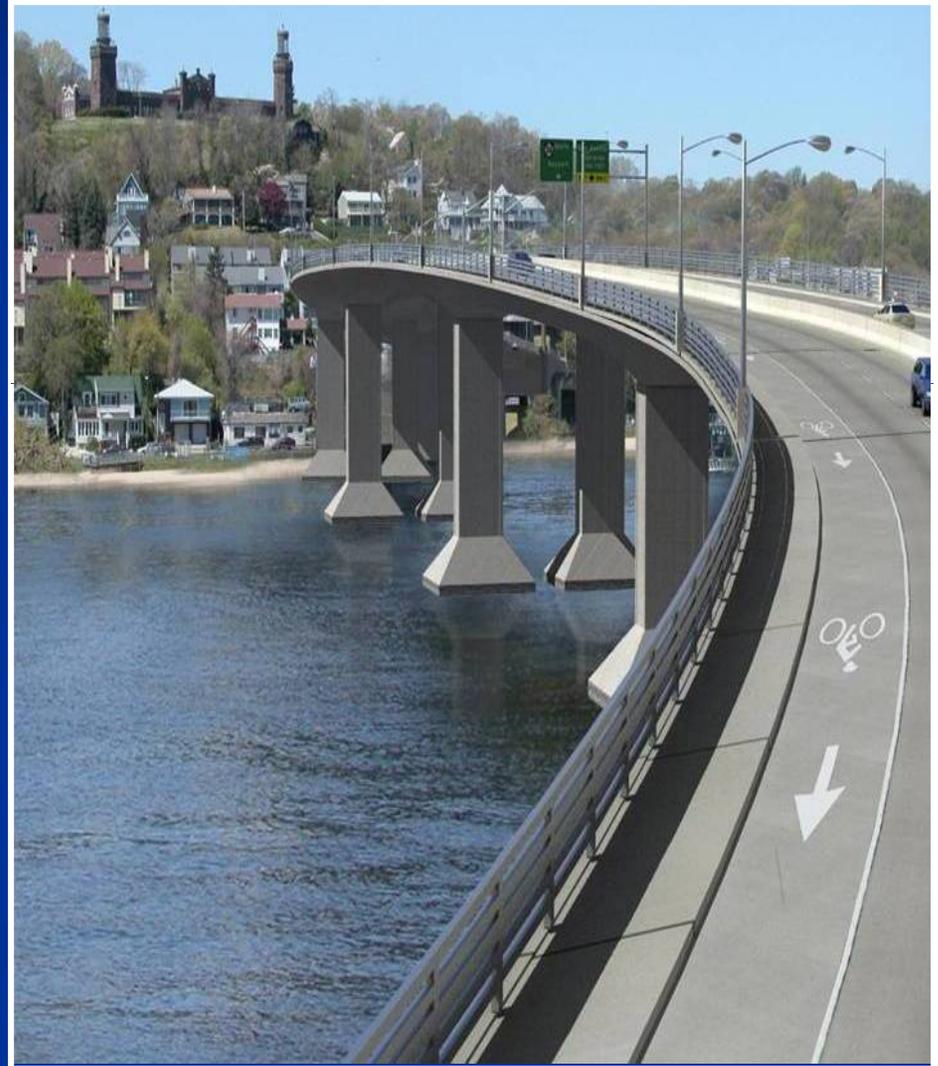
- Construction Costs Alone Exceed \$150 Million
- Increased Environmental Impacts Including Historic Property
- Increased Community Impacts due to Additional Property Acquisition
- Long-term Operating and Maintenance Costs

OPTION THREE: BUILD A NEW FIXED SPAN BRIDGE

Existing



Proposed



THEME THROUGHOUT DESIGN

"MINIMIZE"

Minimize Environmental Impact
Shorten Construction Duration
Avoid Environmentally Sensitive Areas

Minimize ROW Impact

Minimize View Shed Impacts:
Keep Structure Shallow
Reduce Number Of Piers In River
To Open View Shed
Material Choices/Colors to Match
Existing Bridge Lighting

AESTHETIC TREATMENTS

- Bridge Color / Surface Texture to Match Existing Bridge
- Granite Form Liners / Pier Columns
- Railings and Fencing-Lighting- Sign Structures
- Streetscape Elements - Monuments, Tile
- Retaining Walls

RETAINING WALLS

Existing



Proposed



STREETSCAPE ELEMENTS MONUMENTS AND TILES - EXISTING



Preserve and Replicate

PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE



PROJECT COSTS

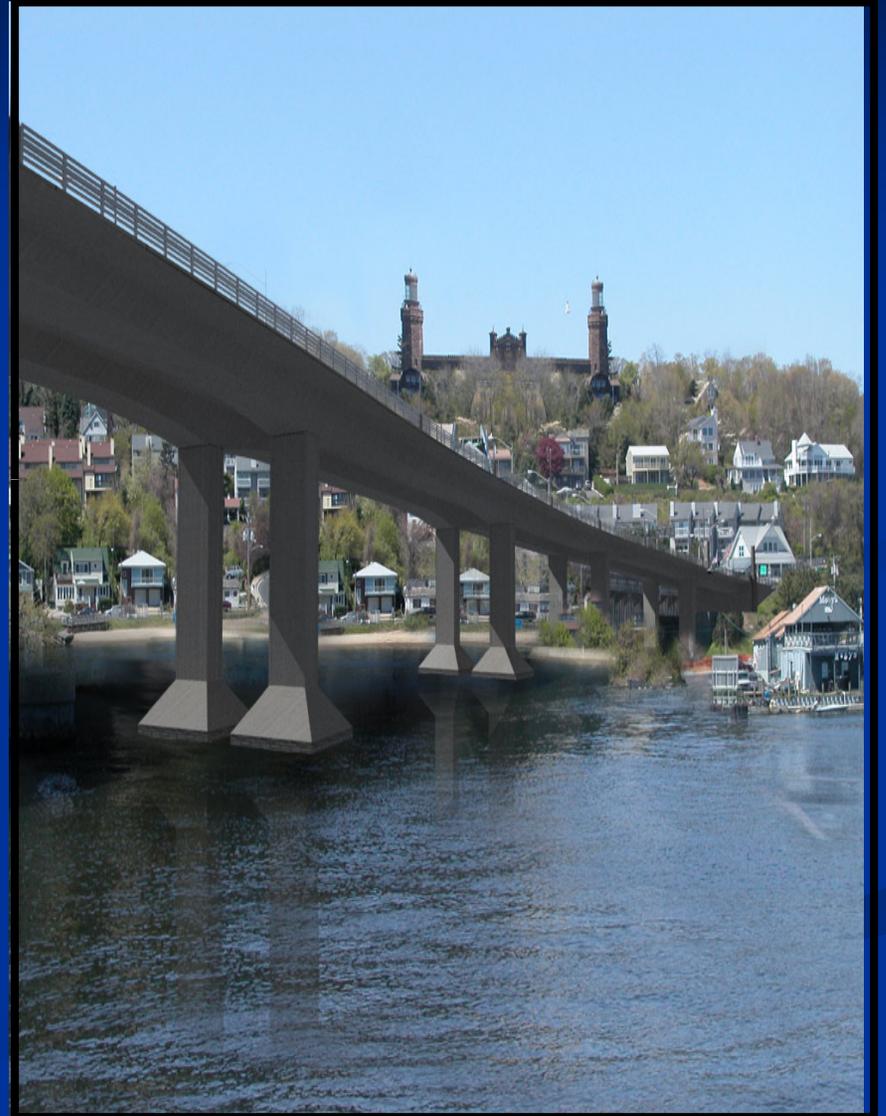
Total Project Cost - \$124 Million

Construction	\$100 Million
Design	\$ 14 Million
Right-Of-Way	\$ 0.2 Million
Construction Inspection	\$ 9 Million
Utilities	\$ 0.8 Million

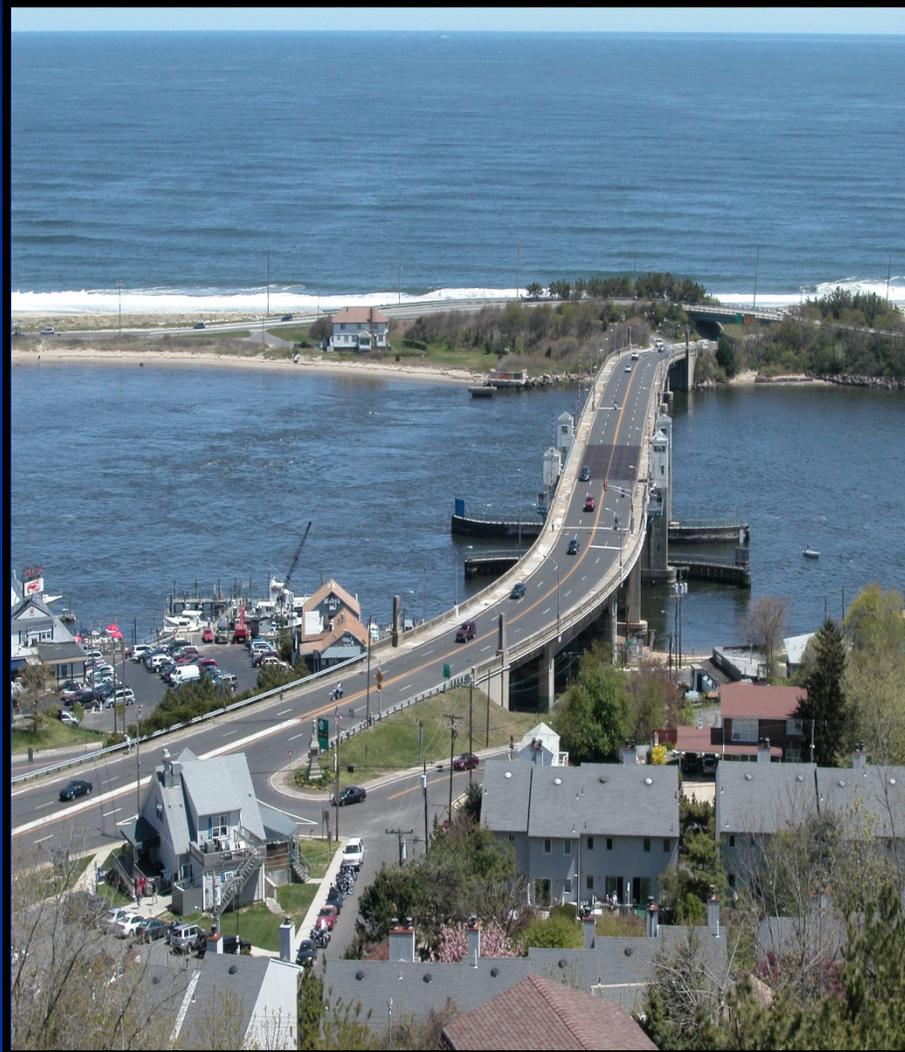


Existing

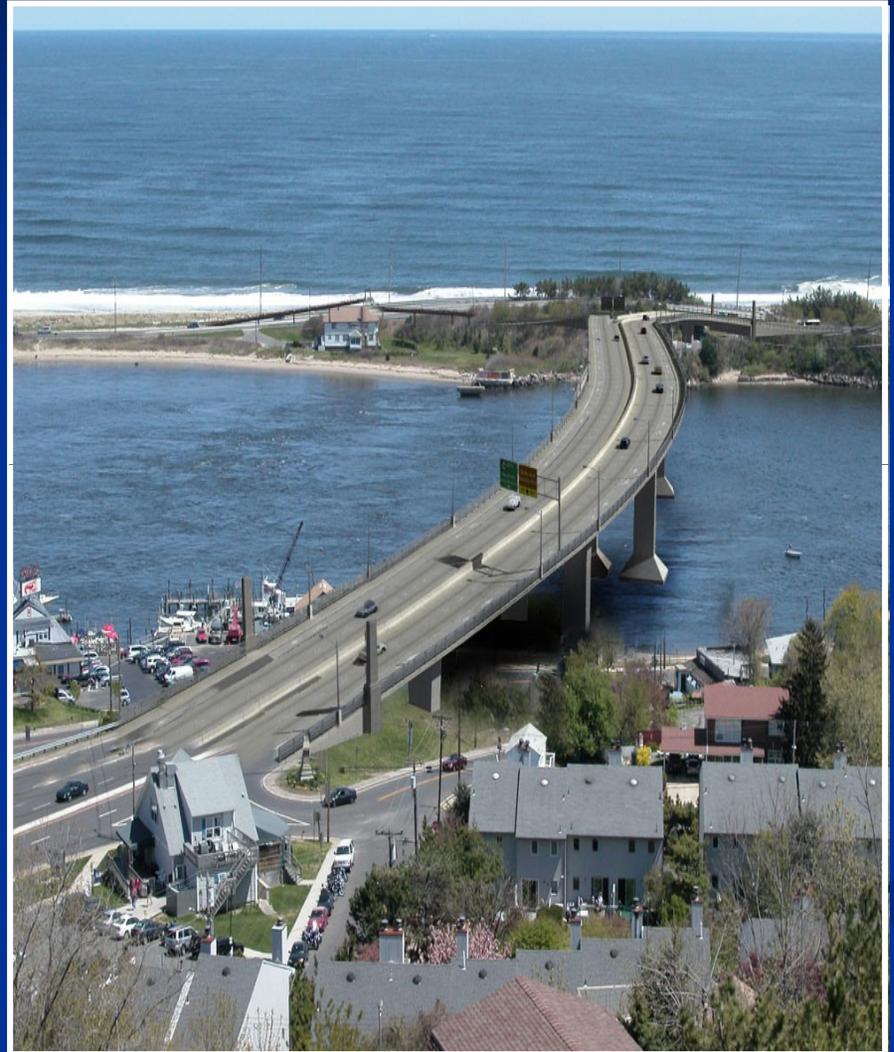
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CONSTRUCTION

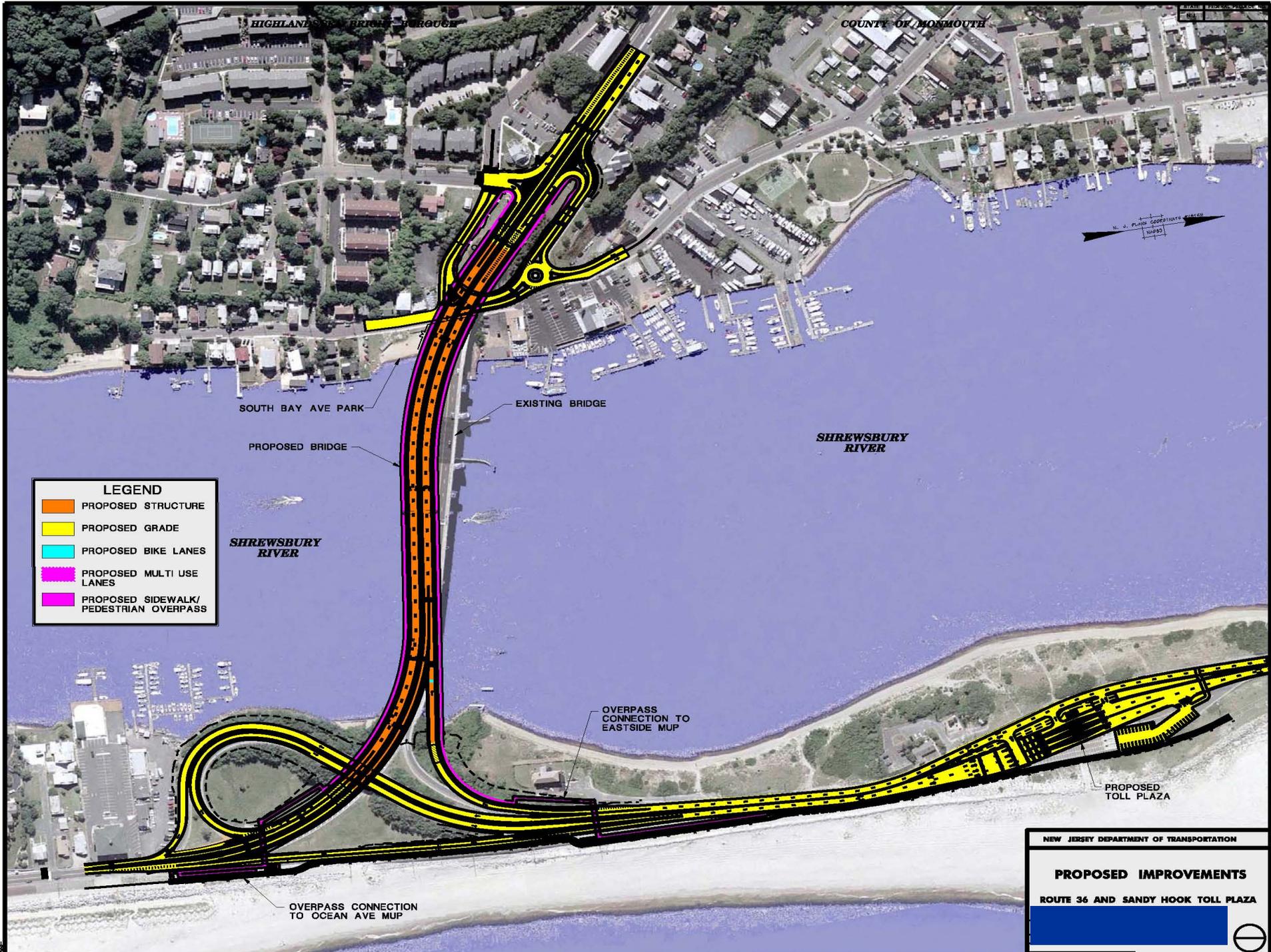
- Total Construction Duration Approximately 3 Years
- Existing Bridge to Remain Open to Traffic For First 18 Months of Construction
- Route 36 Traffic Maintained Throughout Duration of Construction – NO DETOUR OF ROUTE 36

CURRENT STATUS

- August 2005 - Memorandum of Agreement with the SHPO signed concurring with 65' High Fixed Bridge as the Most Prudent & Viable Alternative and Proposed Mitigation Measures.
- November 2006 – Receipt of DEP Permits.
- January 2007 - Final Design Completed.
- May 2007 – Receipt of United States Coast Guard permit for 65' High Fixed Bridge.

CURRENT STATUS (continued)

- May 2007 - NJDEP Authorized NJDOT's Application (contingent upon acceptance of conditions) to the Historic Sites Council for Replacement with 65' High Fixed Bridge.
- Funding for Construction is Provided in Draft Capital Program for Fiscal Years 2008 – 2010.



LEGEND	
	PROPOSED STRUCTURE
	PROPOSED GRADE
	PROPOSED BIKE LANES
	PROPOSED MULTI USE LANES
	PROPOSED SIDEWALK/ PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS

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PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

ROUTE 36 AND SANDY HOOK TOLL PLAZA