



## NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### **Route 35 Reconstruction Project Complete Streets Bike Plan**

The following information provides details on the planned Complete Streets bicycle accommodations along Route 35 on the Barnegat Peninsula. Details are provided for each of the three construction contract sections that comprise the 12.5-mile project.

#### **Mileposts 0-4 (Berkeley, Seaside Park, Seaside Heights, and Toms River)**

This section of the project offers a wide range of roadway characteristics and some bicycle safety challenges where Route 37 enters the peninsula and connects with Route 35. As a result, accommodations for bicyclists will vary in this four-mile stretch.

For bicyclists traveling north on Route 35 in this project section from Milepost 0 at the entrance to Island Beach State Park in Berkeley through 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Toms River, there will be a continuous bike lane of either four feet or five feet in width for all but 11 blocks where bicyclists will share the road with motorists.

At the border between Seaside Heights and Toms River, where Route 35 divides into separate northbound and southbound lanes, northbound bicyclists will turn right from Central Avenue onto Heiring Avenue and left on Route 35 northbound.

The Department plans a "Share the Road" layout due to inadequate space between the right travel lane and curb parking in the four blocks from L Street to Lafayette Avenue northbound in Seaside Park, and from Lincoln Avenue to Sherman Avenue northbound in Toms River.

Heading south from 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Toms River to Grant Avenue in Seaside Heights, bicyclists will have a four-foot-wide bike lane along Route 35. The Department plans a share-the-road accommodation for southbound bicyclists between Grant and Lincoln avenues due to inadequate space between the travel lanes and curbside parking.

From Lincoln Avenue to K Street, the Department plans to divert bicyclists to Boulevard where they would share the road with motor vehicles. Southbound bicyclists will be provided a four-foot-wide bike lane on Route 35 from Lafayette Avenue in Seaside Park through Milepost 0 in Berkeley.

### **Mileposts 4-9 (Lavallette, Toms River and Brick)**

Route 35 consists of a divided highway in this 5-mile section of the project. The southbound highway, closer to Barnegat Bay, offers two 12-foot-wide travel lanes and two 11-foot-wide shoulders. The northbound roadway, closer to the Atlantic Ocean, offers two 10-foot-wide travel lanes and two 10-foot-wide shoulders.

In some locations, such as along the Route 35 northbound roadway in Lavallette, unusually wide shoulders are used to provide motorists with angled parking spaces on both sides of the two-lane roadway.

The Department plans no changes to the front-end-first angled parking areas. Five-foot-wide bike lanes will be created alongside the northbound and southbound travel lanes, with the remaining shoulder space serving as a buffer between parked cars and the bicycle lanes.

Signs will be installed to remind bicyclists to ride with the flow of motor vehicle traffic, not against it.

Southbound bicyclists will switch from a bike lane along the Bay side of Route 35 southbound to the ocean side of 35 southbound at 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

### **Mileposts 9-12.5 (Mantoloking and Bay Head)**

In this section of the project area, Route 35 is generally a 40-foot-wide roadway, including two 10-foot-wide travel lanes in each direction and two 10-foot-wide shoulders on each side of the road.

In Mantoloking, where the town does not permit parking on the shoulders, the Department is plans to create 5-foot-wide bike lanes in both shoulders, leaving 5-foot-wide shoulders. The bike lanes will be located between the right travel lane and the shoulder, and will be delineated by striping.

At Herbert Street, where County Route 528 intersects with Route 35, there will be no bike lanes due to a lack of space. "Share The Road" signage will alert bicyclists and motorists of the need to do so at this location.

In Bay Head, parking is permitted along the highway shoulders. The Department proposes to install signage and pavement markings to alert bicyclists and motorists of the need to share the road.