



Public Information Center

Thursday, May 23, 2019 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Route 7 – Mill Street (MP 6.05) to Park Avenue (MP 8.26)

Belleville & Nutley Townships, Essex County

Belleville Town Hall, 2nd Fl., 152 Washington Avenue, Belleville, NJ

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) is committed to developing transportation improvements that best balance transportation needs, the environment, community concerns, and costs. NJDOT is holding a Public Information Center to inform residents, officials, and the business community about the **Route 7 – Mill Street to Park Avenue, Roadway and Safety Improvements** project in the Townships of Belleville and Nutley, Essex County. You are encouraged to actively participate by attending the meeting and providing comments via mail, or e-mail.

The Meeting

The Public Information Center will be held on **Thursday, May 23, 2019 at the Belleville Town Hall, Second Floor Court Room, located at 152 Washington Avenue, Belleville, NJ, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.** You will have an opportunity to review exhibits of the project, ask questions, and discuss any concerns with NJDOT staff members. If you are unable to attend but are interested in learning about this project, please contact us at (609) 963-1982 or email Meredith.Hammond@dot.nj.gov

Background

The purpose of this project is to improve the pavement condition and traffic safety for all roadway users including pedestrians, bicyclists and those with disabilities.

The pavement was last resurfaced in 2007, which is approaching or exceeding its service life. The observed pavement conditions include cracks, poor utility patches, potholes, raveling and rutting.

The Route 7 corridor in Belleville Township, MP 6.05 to MP 7.84 (Mill Street to King Street) has been identified as a high pedestrian crash severity corridor by the *NJDOT Office of Bicycle and Pedestrian Programs*. Additionally, the intersections of Route 7 and Mill Street and Rutgers Street have been identified as high crash locations by NJDOT Bureau of Transportation Data and Safety.

The Project

Three pavement improvement strategies are proposed:

- Curb-to-curb full reconstruction – remove existing pavement and reconstruct with new concrete base and asphalt top course from MP 6.05 to MP 6.23 (Mill Street to Howard Place).
- Combination of reconstruction and rehabilitation - remove 18-foot wide center portion of the pavement width that has granite block/railroad tile and replace with new concrete base and asphalt top course from MP 6.23 to MP 8.10

(Howard Place to East Centre Street/Walnut Street); beyond the center 18-foot wide pavement to both curb lines will be rehabilitated – mill and repave with new asphalt.

- Full rehabilitation - mill existing asphalt and fill with new asphalt from MP 8.10 to MP 8.26 (East Centre Street/Walnut Street to Park Avenue).

Other Improvements include:

- Replace damaged curbs, sidewalks and driveway apron.
- Road Diet – Mile Post 6.05 to 8.10 from vicinity of Mill Street to Centre Street, includes roadway reconfiguration to enhance safety, mobility and access for all road users via re-striping:
 - 12-foot wide middle dual left turn lane
 - 11-foot wide travel lane on both sides
 - 5-foot wide bicycle lane and 8-foot wide parking lanes, both sides
 - 10-foot bus stop lane
- As part of the Road Diet strategy, a 5-foot wide curb bump-out at intersections is proposed to enhance pedestrian safety.
- Update signal and lighting systems to meet current standards.
- Incidental drainage improvements will be implemented.

Traffic Impacts/Mitigation Strategies

Construction will proceed a few blocks at a time to limit impacts. During construction, one lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained. Driveway access will be maintained throughout. Within a several block construction zone, bus stops will be temporarily relocated and curbside parking will be temporarily suspended.

Anticipated Construction Schedule

- Begin Construction - spring 2022.
- Project Completion – fall 2023.

For further information, please contact:

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