

Public Information Center Meeting

Thursday, November 3, 2005 6:00 PM
Union Township Municipal Building
1976 Morris Avenue, Union, NJ

ROUTE I-78 LOCAL AND EXPRESS CONTRACT "A" MP 50.4 – MP 52.9 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Township of Millburn, Essex County
Townships of Springfield and Union, Union County

The Meeting: This meeting will inform the Union Township Public of the status of the project. The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) is presenting a project overview and the proposed preliminary design for improvements to Route 78 in the Township of Union. The meeting provides an opportunity for the Union Township Public to offer comments and suggestions relating to the project. This meeting will also present the scope of the project to the public.

Project Background: The project NJDOT began planning for the pavement rehabilitation and safety improvement of Interstate 78 within the projects limits in 1997. The Feasibility Assessment Report was issued by the Department consultant in February 2004. In that report, several pavement rehabilitations and safety improvement alternatives ranging from five (5) years to twenty (20) years were proposed. Based on these alternatives and cost related factor, the NJDOT has decided to proceed with the twenty (20) year treatment as the preferred alternative.

Project Purpose: The main purpose of the project is to conduct pavement and safety improvements and improve rideability to this section of I-78. This includes rubblization and overlay of the existing rigid pavement, reconstruction of existing rigid and flexible pavement, installation of edge drain to improve under drainage, placement of additional inlets to reduce surface water spread, replacement

of existing signs and light poles that may be affected by reprofiling of the roadway and, reset and/or replacement of guide rail. The project also includes improvement of vertical clearance to 14'-6" for the overpasses that have an under clearance less than 14'-6". The project limit also includes nine (9) underpasses structure that are part of the I-78 roadway. These structures will require a Tier I repair according to the NJDOT Bridge Design Manual.

Schedule: A summary of major milestones is as follows:

Advertise: February, 2006
Award Contract: March, 2006
Start Construction: April, 2006
Substantial Completion: November, 2006
Project Complete: December, 2006

All of the Route 78 Improvements fall within the existing NJDOT right-of way. There are no anticipated right-of-way acquisitions.

Cost: Construction costs are estimated at \$ 26 million

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