

GENERAL PERMIT 1



DRCC #: 25-5935A

DATE: July 22, 2025

PROJECT NAME: NJDOT -- Interstate Highway No. 295 -- ITS Infrastructure

Latest Submission Received: June 25, 2025

Applicant:

New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT)

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Project Location:

Road	Municipality	County	Block(s)	Lot(s)
Interstate Highway Route No. 295 (M.P. 57.90 to 60.15)	Hamilton Township	Mercer	N/A	N/A

Jurisdictional Determination:

Zone A	Minor	Governmental
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Documents Received: Application received June 25, 2025.

The Delaware and Raritan Canal Commission has reviewed the referenced application for a General Permit authorization pursuant to the requirements of the Regulations for the Review of the Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park at N.J.A.C. 7:45-6.2. The proposed project is authorized by General Permit No. 1, which authorizes projects in Zone A that are necessary to carry out the repair, rehabilitation, maintenance or reconstruction of a structure, road, utility line, or stormwater management measure or

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basin lawfully existing prior to January 1980 or approved under this Chapter by the Commission.

The project authorized under this general permit shall not be put to any use other than as specified in any approval authorizing its original construction. Projects authorized under the general permit shall not visibly change, expand, widen or deepen the feature, and shall not deviate from any plans of any prior project approvals, except for minor deviations due to changes in materials or construction techniques. Any such deviations must be shown as necessary to fulfill the purpose of the proposed project and must be consistent with the Master Plan.

Description of the authorized project: The project area is a section of Interstate Highway Route No. 295 (I-295) in Hamilton Township, Mercer County, and within Commission Review Zone A.

I-295 is a 68.1-mile rural/urban interstate highway, which was constructed between 1948 and 1994 and follows a route from the Delaware Memorial Bridge to the Trenton area. The north-south alignment of I-295 complements the parallel New Jersey Turnpike, with the turnpike serving long-distance interstate traffic and bypassing the Philadelphia-Camden metropolitan area, and I-295 serving the local traffic needs of Salem, Gloucester, Camden, Burlington, and Mercer counties. The portion of I-295 from Exit 57 to Exit 60 was completed in 1994 and approved by the Commission as part of the so-called "Trenton Complex" project in 1990 (DRCC #90-3289).

The NJDOT proposes the in-kind replacement of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) infrastructure on the northbound and southbound lanes of the above-referenced section of I-295, generally encompassing the area north of the mouth of Crosswicks Creek to the cloverleaf interchange with Interstate Highway Route No. 195 and State Highway Routes 29 and 129 in Hamilton Township, Mercer County, and within Commission Review Zone A.

ITS infrastructure uses advanced technology to improve transportation safety and mobility through the integration of advanced communications into the transportation infrastructure and within vehicles. Specifically, the NJDOT proposes the installation of 13 Camera Surveillance System (CSS) devices and 22 new Roadside Units (RSUs), which would expand incident detection, surveillance coverage, and dissemination of traffic information. The NJDOT further proposes the in-kind replacement of three Dynamic Message Signs (DMS) that have reached the end of their useful lives and are no longer warranty supported, and six existing CSS devices along the highway.

The project would not create any new impervious surface coverage or result in the disturbance of any land.

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Permit Conditions: The project allowed by this authorization shall comply with the following conditions. Failure to comply with these conditions shall constitute a violation of the “Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park Law of 1974” (N.J.S.A. 13:13A-1 et seq.).

1. This authorization is valid for five years from the date of this letter unless more stringent standards are adopted by rules prior to this date.
2. The project as described shall be constructed and/or executed in conformity with the application.
3. No change in plans or specifications shall be made except with prior written permission from the Commission.
4. The permittee shall allow the Commission the right to inspect the construction site and shall provide the Commission with written notification seven days prior to the start of the authorized work.
5. A complete, legible copy of this permit shall be kept at the work site and shall be exhibited upon request of any person.
6. The issuance of this permit shall not be deemed to affect in any way other actions by the Commission on any future application.

Expiration Date: July 22, 2030.

Appeal of Decision: In accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:45- 7.1, any person who is aggrieved by this decision may request a hearing within 30 days of the date of decision.

If you have any questions regarding this authorization, please contact the Commission at (609) 397-2000 and reference the above file number.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Hutchison', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John Hutchison
Executive Director

- c. Mercer County Planning Board
Hamilton Township Planning Board