



## **Virtual Public Information Center** **April 22, 2021 through May 6, 2021** I-78 Westbound Bridge over Quarry Road Springfield Township, Union County

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 will hold a **virtual Public Information Center (PIC)** to provide local residents and businesses with information on the **I-78 Westbound Bridge over Quarry Road** project. You are encouraged to actively participate by viewing a project presentation at the website below and providing comments either at the conclusion of the presentation, by e-mail or by mail.

### **The PIC Presentation**

Due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, the Public Information Center will be conducted virtually at the following website:

<https://amercomcorp.com/i-78wb-bridgeoverquarryroad/>

Please view the presentation at a time that is convenient for you between April 22, 2021 and May 6, 2021. The purpose of the presentation is to provide information about the proposed replacement of the I-78 Westbound Bridge over Quarry Road. After the presentation, you will have an opportunity to submit comments to the NJDOT. Property owners with rental units are advised that tenants are also invited and encouraged to participate. If you are unable to view the presentation, but are interested in learning about this project, please contact us at the telephone number or email address listed below.

### **Background**

The I-78 Westbound Bridge over Quarry Road is located west of the I-78 and Route 24 interchange at I-78 milepost 48.54. The existing bridge is nearing the end of its service life and the bridge is in need of replacement. Quarry Road provides access from Orchard Street (CR 636) to the Union County composting facility at the Houdaille Quarry.

### **Project**

NJDOT proposes to replace the existing I-78 Westbound Bridge over Quarry Road. In the vicinity of the bridge, the existing guiderail will be replaced and drainage along the westbound shoulder area will be improved.

During the construction phase, a minimum of three travel lanes will be maintained on I-78 Westbound through the work zone.

The ramp from Route 24 Eastbound to I-78 Westbound will be closed during a portion of the construction phase with traffic being detoured onto the I-78 Eastbound Local Lanes and using the Route 124 (Springfield Avenue) interchange to access I-78 Westbound. The ramp closure is expected to occur during the summer months.

Work is anticipated to be performed during both daytime and nighttime hours. Temporary closures of Quarry Road will be required during the construction phase.

### **Historic and Cultural Resources**

Federal regulations pertaining to the protection of historic properties, referred to as the National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 process, requires the NJDOT to take into account the effect of proposed projects upon historic resources that are listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places.

NJDOT is required to solicit public input as part of the Section 106 process. Historic preservation organizations, historical societies, and similar groups, or individuals with information about cultural resources (archaeological or architectural) in the project area are encouraged to submit comments at the conclusion of the **virtual** Public Information Center presentation or if preferred, comments may be submitted by e-mail or by mail to:

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### **Anticipated Schedule and Cost**

- Construction is anticipated to begin in Summer 2026 and be completed in approximately 18 months
- Construction cost is estimated to be \$4 Million

### **For further information, please contact:**

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