



**Public Information Center**  
**River Road Bridge over Raritan Valley Railroad**  
**Emergency Bridge Replacement**  
**Branchburg Township, Somerset County**  
**February 18, 2020, 4 PM-7 PM**

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), committed to developing transportation improvements that best balance transportation needs, the environment, community concerns and cost, will hold a **Public Information Center** to inform residents and businesses of the **improvements and construction schedule in connection with the River Road Bridge over Raritan Valley Railroad project in Branchburg, Somerset County**. You are encouraged to actively participate by providing comments at the meeting, by mail or by e-mail.

**The Meeting**

The Public Information Center will be held on **Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at the Branchburg Municipal Building, Court Room, 1077 U.S. Highway 202 North, from 4 pm -7 pm.**

**Project Background**

NJDOT's Division of Operations and Maintenance closed the River Road Bridge on Wednesday, June 5, 2019 due to its severely deteriorated condition and low vehicle load carrying capacity. There is a detour in place, facilitated by Branchburg Township.

With a focus on improving safety and providing accelerated design and construction schedules, the existing single travel lane, three-span bridge will be completely replaced with a new single-span bridge with two travel lanes.

**The Project**

The new bridge will be 81-feet, 9-inches long (the existing bridge was approximately 81-feet long), using concrete beams and a concrete deck to meet current road and bridge standards. Two 10-foot wide lanes will be provided, with 5-foot wide shoulders. The bridge will have crash worthy traffic railings, a picket fence, and guiderail. Approach roadway alignments will be modified to improve turning movements for large vehicles. New retaining walls, guiderail, and approach slabs will be installed on the bridge approaches. The bridge and roadway improvements meet the existing roadway shortly after the bridge to minimize environmental impacts, and impacts to adjacent properties.

The same detour currently utilized is anticipated during construction. There will be bridge construction activities that will require the intersection of River Road and Central Place to be closed for short durations. Advance notifications of the intersection closures will be provided on portable variable message signs.

There are detour routes for both trucks and local traffic (all other vehicles). All roads used for the detours are two-way streets.

Beginning at Station Road at NJ TRANSIT's rail commuter Raritan Valley Line railroad grade crossing, the southbound truck detour continues west on Station Road before turning left onto Readington Road, and continuing 2.3 miles before turning left onto Dreahook Road (which becomes Old York Road). The truck detour then turns left at the intersection with U.S. 202, concluding 1.0 miles east on U.S. 202 at River Road. The same path (in reverse) will be followed for the northbound direction.

The local traffic southbound detour also begins at Station Road at NJ TRANSIT's rail commuter Raritan Valley Line railroad grade crossing, continuing west on Station Road before turning left onto Readington Road for 1.2 miles, and turning left onto Harlan School Road. Motorists will travel on Harlan School Road until the street's end 0.8 miles later at Stony Brook Road. The detour then turns left onto Stony Brook Road until the street's end 1.0 miles later at River Road, concluding the detour route. The same path (in reverse) will be followed for the northbound direction.

**Estimated Project Schedule**

Construction: February/March 2020-Summer 2020  
Detour: Ongoing through Summer 2020

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