

**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
**Bloomfield Avenue (CR 506) Bridge over New Jersey Transit**  
**Township of Montclair and Borough of Glen Ridge**  
**Essex County - Public Information Center**

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 local residents, officials, and the business community about the **Bloomfield Avenue (CR 506) Bridge over New Jersey Transit (MP 7.0)** located in Montclair Township, 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 **Tuesday October 16, 2018 at the Montclair Municipal Building located 205 Claremont Avenue, Montclair, 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 the telephone number or email address listed below.

#### **Background**

The purpose of the Bloomfield Avenue (CR 506) Bridge over New Jersey Transit project is to improve and extend the service life of the bridge. The existing bridge was constructed in 1911 and currently carries more than 27,000 vehicles daily, including 7 percent truck traffic. The bridge is in poor condition and needs deck/superstructure replacement and substructure repairs.

#### **The Project**

The Bloomfield Avenue (CR 506) Bridge over New Jersey Transit Superstructure Replacement will include demolition of the existing deck/superstructure and replacement with a new prefabricated concrete stringer/deck superstructure. The replacement of the superstructure will be completed in two (2) main stages following Accelerated Bridge Construction (ABC) techniques.

The existing abutment and retaining walls along Bloomfield Avenue exhibit spalling and are cracked in a few locations. Work to repair the abutment and walls will be completed in a stage prior to ABC stages described above.

#### **Traffic Impacts/Mitigation Strategies**

In order to minimize construction impacts on the roadway and motoring public, multiple stages of traffic control will be utilized.

Bloomfield Avenue will remain open to traffic at all times, however, the number of lanes available to the motoring public will be reduced during the various construction stages.

- **Stage 1A** – During this stage, the contractor will prepare the westbound sidewalk area off of the bridge to carry traffic during a future stage and will address the spalls and cracks in the abutments and retaining walls. During Stage 1A westbound direction of travel will be reduced from 2-lanes to a single lane. 2-lanes will be maintained in the eastbound direction.
- **Stage 1B** – During this stage the contractor will replace the eastbound half of the bridge superstructure. During Stage 1B, traffic will be diverted onto the westbound side of the bridge and traffic will be reduced to a single lane in both directions.
- **Stage 2** – During this stage the contractor will replace the westbound half of the bridge superstructure. During Stage 2, traffic will be diverted onto the eastbound side of the bridge and traffic will be reduced to a single lane in both directions.
- **Stage 3** – During this stage the contractor will restore the westbound sidewalk. During Stage 3, traffic will again be restricted to a single lane in the westbound direction, however, 2-lanes will be maintained in the eastbound direction.
- Variable message signs will be placed in the area to notify motorists of the upcoming roadway lane reductions and changes in traffic patterns. NJDOT provides construction updates at [www.nj511.info](http://www.nj511.info).

#### **Anticipated Construction Schedule**

- Construction Begins in October 2018
- Stage 1A will be completed this year with traffic restored to 2-lanes in each direction before the contractor shuts down for the winter months.
- Stage 1B will begin in March/April 2019, and combined with Stage 2, which will begin immediately following the completion of the westbound replacement, will take approximately 9 months. During this 9-month period, the existing car wash located on the eastbound side of Bloomfield Avenue will be temporarily closed.
- Project is expected to be completed in spring 2020.

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