



Virtual Public Information Center

January 19 – February 2, 2023

Route 17 Bottleneck Study

Borough of Maywood, Township of Rochelle Park and Borough of Paramus

Bergen County, New Jersey

The County of Bergen is committed to developing transportation improvements that best balance transportation needs, the environment, community concerns and costs. Bergen County will hold a Virtual Public Information Center to provide local residents and businesses with information on the **Route 17 Bottleneck Study**.

**The Presentation**

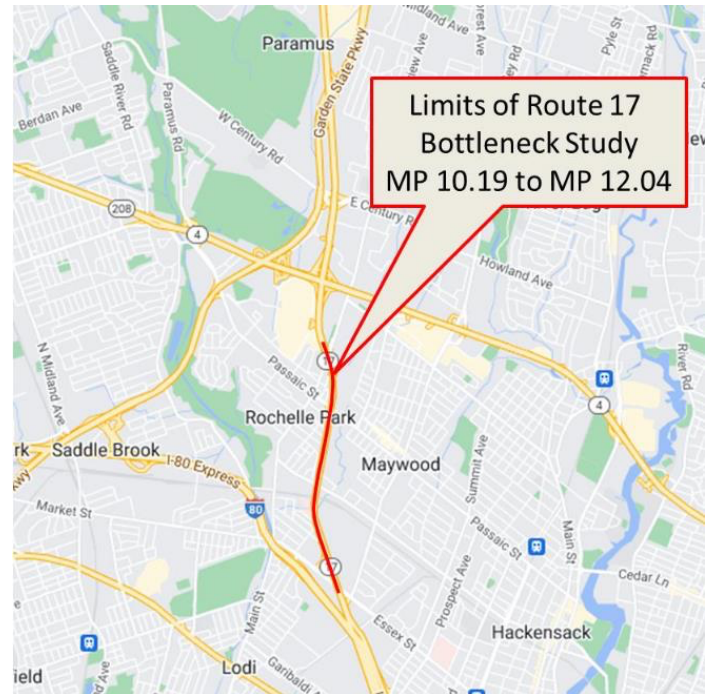
Due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, this Public Information Center will be conducted virtually at the following website:

<http://tiny.cc/Rt17BottleneckVPIC>

Please view the presentation at a time that is convenient for you between January 19 and February 2, 2023. After the presentation, you will have an opportunity to submit comments to Bergen County. 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 e-mail address listed below.

**Background**

The purpose of the Route 17 Bottleneck study is to improve mobility, safety, and reliability of the infrastructure and operations for the traveling public throughout the project area. The existing four lane roadway will be widened to six lanes from Essex Street (MP 10.19) to north of Farview Avenue (MP 12.04). This Route 17 corridor is “Severely Congested” and ranked in the top 2 percentile of the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Congestion Management System, resulting in significant traffic queuing, delays, and diversionary traffic using the local roads. This section of roadway is above the statewide average for crash rates. Roadway deficiencies include substandard shoulder widths (inside and outside), stopping sight distance, vertical underclearance, acceleration lane length, ramp radius and bridge width. Six bridges are over 90 years old with several of them having poor or serious condition ratings.



**The Proposed Project**

Proposed improvements are listed below:

- Additional 3<sup>rd</sup> travel lane, 12’ outside shoulder and 3’ minimum inside shoulder in both directions
- Replacement of six bridges with four new bridges and over one mile of retaining walls
- New Route 17 Southbound exit ramp to Central Avenue
- Modified Route 17 Northbound exit and entrance ramps at Mildred Avenue
- New signalized intersection at Farview Avenue and the Route 17 Southbound exit and entrance ramps
- New signalized intersection at Passaic Street and the Route 17 Northbound exit ramp
- Complex utility relocations including gas, electric and communications
- New stormwater management basins
- Local street connectivity improvements

**If you require special accommodations, please contact:**

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To leave comments about this project, please go to the “Comments” link on the project website.

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