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From	Amado Baltazar, Jr.	Location	NJ Office		
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On May 25, 2005, a Public Officials' briefing was held at West Deptford Municipal Building to inform officials representing the municipalities bordering Exit 14 (Repaupo Road) and Exit 24 (Route 45) of the current status for the referenced project. The meeting attendees were:

Joseph Schweigart	East Greenwich Township	856-423-0654
Jan Pine	Logan Township	856-467-2670
Ed Phelps	West Deptford	856-845-4004 x128
Stephen Meduri	West Deptford	856-845-4004 x154
Andrew Maeovsky	NJDOT Project Management	609-530-2472
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NJDOT started the meeting with an introduction and overview of the project.

Route 295 currently contains three lanes in each direction between Exit 14 and 24, consisting of rigid (concrete), composite (bituminous over concrete) and bituminous pavement. The travel lanes are 12' wide and generally contain 10' wide left shoulders and 12' wide right shoulders. The rigid pavement segment, between Repaupo Road and Jessup Road (between M.P. 14.6 and M.P. 21.3) are faulting between the left and center lanes, which has been identified as an immediate safety concern. Due to the roadway's deteriorated condition and the potential safety hazards to motorists, the proposed project is to rehabilitate the existing pavement along Route 295 between Exit 14 (Repaupo Road) and Exit 24 (Route 45). The anticipated pavement rehabilitation method in the rigid pavement segment is concrete rubblization and 10.5" asphalt overlay. At locations where there are existing bridge structures that cross over the mainline roadway, full-depth asphalt reconstruction will be utilized so that the existing vertical clearances will be maintained or improved to 14'-6" minimum vertical clearance. In the flexible pavement segment between Jessup Road and Route 45 (between M.P. 21.3 and M.P. 24.5), the existing pavement will be milled by 2-1/2 inches and resurfaced by 4-1/2 inches. The project limits include the entrance and exit ramps, which will be milled and resurfaced. Other substandard conditions such as substandard length of auxiliary lanes, and deteriorated beam guide rail as long as there is minimal environmental involvement or impact to existing bridges. This project is currently in the Preliminary Design phase with a tentative 2006 construction start.

Due to the volumes of vehicles recorded, the mainline roadway could be reduced to two lanes in each direction at any time during construction. For the purpose of minimizing inconvenience to the traveling public, local businesses and residents within the project area, construction work will be done by splitting the 9.9-mile project into four sections in each direction, a total of eight segments as shown on the construction staging map. Three travel lanes in one direction will be closed and traffic switched to the other side. The

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use of construction concrete median barriers and crossovers result in two-way traffic on one roadway during construction. Reconstructing Route 295 with the least construction duration for each segment while minimizing construction disruption to the local residents and businesses is a balancing construction management process. A construction zone segment of manageable length will provide better productivity, thereby resulting to minimal construction duration. However, this will require entrance/exit ramp closures, thus increasing impact to the traveling public.

For segments 1 through 3, the northbound roadway will be closed and the southbound roadway will be reconfigured to provide two-way traffic. Entrance and exit ramps on the southbound roadway for segments 1 through 3 will remain open. For segment 1, northbound roadway entrance/exit ramps at Exits 15 and 16 will be closed for five weeks. For segment 2, northbound roadway entrance/exit ramps at Exits 17 and 18 and Timberlane Road will be closed for four weeks. For segment 3, northbound roadway entrance/exit ramps at Exits 19 and 20 will be closed for four weeks. The Contractor will not advance to the next segment until the pavement work is substantially completed. Following construction of the northbound roadway (Segments 1 through 3), two-way traffic can be shifted onto the northbound roadway and the southbound roadway (Segments 4 through 6) reconstructed.

With this staging plan, it is anticipated that construction will have an estimated 13-month duration (not including winter shutdown from December 15 to March 15). For segments 1 through 3, ten to twelve weeks construction duration is expected for each segment. The installation of underdrains and the strengthening of the shoulders to convert into travel lanes will be done during lane closures as pre-stage construction to the full roadway closure to minimize the duration for ramp closures. Portable variable message signs (VMS) will be placed at county and major municipal roads to inform local communities and traveling public of ramp closures and detour routes. Incentive/Disincentive clauses are also proposed for each segment as a means to accelerate construction and to minimize the extent of any disruptions.

Concerns were raised from Logan, East Greenwich, and West Deptford townships for the planned ramp closures for each segment, specifically Harmony Road and Repaupo Road interchanges. The construction staging plan will be refined to balance these two constructability considerations during this preliminary design phase.

Also, concerns were raised regarding close coordination with other NJDOT projects as well as County and Municipal projects to determine the best detour routes that will not have construction occurring at the same time (for example, Route 44 near Fowler Lane, Route 44 Mantua Creek Bridge, and Paulsboro Brownfields Access).

A request was made to invite tenants or property owners from Mid-Atlantic Industrial Parks to the Public Information Center on June 15, 2005.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

cc: All Attendees.

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