

**I-295/I-76/Rt 42 Direct Connection  
New Jersey Department of Transportation  
Fourth Public Information Center  
Bellmawr, NJ  
Tuesday November 30, 2004  
3:00 PM–9:00 PM**

**SUMMARY OF THE MEETING**

**INTRODUCTION:**

Approximately 100 members of the general public, some elected officials and representatives from state and county agencies such as NJ Transit Authority, NJDEP, Camden County DPW, PATCO/DRPA, South Jersey Transit Authority and board members of Bellmawr Park Mutual Housing Corporation attended the fourth Public Information Center conducted for the New Jersey Department of Transportation's I-295/I-76/Rt 42 Direct Connection Project on Tuesday, November 30, 2004 at the Bellmawr Ballroom in Bellmawr, NJ. The PIC Open House commenced at 3 PM and adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Upon arrival, the attendees were asked to register at the Sign-in Sheets and were then directed to a project team member who answered questions.

The Questions/Comments sheets were distributed to everyone and the attendees were informed that if they did not wish to fill them out at the PIC, they could mail, fax or email them back to the consultant, Dewberry.

The Open House Forum afforded the public the opportunity of viewing the stages of the project and the progress to date for each stage. A project team member was stationed at each area to make a presentation and to field questions from the public.

First were the information boards delineating the project study area and descriptions of the five short listed alternatives. This area also provided engineering plans delineating street and house numbers for the resident's convenience in locating their residence/business to view the possibility of impact.

The second area featured a computer simulation traffic study depicting the year 2030 if nothing was done to the interchange--- a "no build" vs. the year 2030 with the improvements made to the interchange. The visual effect was amazing and extremely well received by the residents.

Thirdly, the environmental area featured the progress of the various disciplines and also a large screen projection of the balloon tests held earlier in the year to give residents a visualization of the roadway heights dictated by the five short listed alternatives.

**Wetlands/Floodplains (other environmental discipline activities) were delineated in the next area featuring colored boards as well as engineering plans to highlight the various, existing conditions.**

**Scott Emory, a representative from A.D. Marble, one of the project's environmental consultants, hosted a display of historic and pre-historic artifacts discovered during the Archaeological process within the project boundaries. All residents viewed these artifacts enthusiastically. Earlier in the day, Scott visited Annunciation Church Grammar School and displayed the artifacts for the school children.**

**Finally, boards and plans were displayed for projects other than Direct Connection in the surrounding area such as:**

**Route 130 – Brooklawn Circle – Preliminary design 2005**

**I-295 Pavement Rehabilitation (MP 24 to MP 32)**

**I-295/Route 42 Missing Moves**

**Route 168 – Drainage**

**Route 168 – Benigno Boulevard**

**Route 168 – I-295 Interchange**

**The public moved around the room from station to station viewing maps, boards, screen projected presentations and computer simulations. Interaction between the public and team members was frequent and substantive.**

**We believe the foregoing record to be an accurate summary of the discussion and the progress of the meeting. We would appreciate notification of exceptions or corrections to the Minutes within five (5) working days of receipt. Without notification, we will consider these Minutes to be a record of fact.**

**Sincerely,  
Dewberry**

**Patricia Saulino  
Project Team**