



COUNTY OF BERGEN / COUNTY OF ESSEX



Local Concept Development Study for Kingsland Avenue (De Jessa Memorial) Bridge Township of Lyndhurst and Township of Nutley, NJ

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTER SUMMARY - TOWNSHIP OF LYNDHURST MEETING REPORT

DATE: Monday, October 17, 2016
TIME: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Lyndhurst Senior Citizen Center
250 Cleveland Avenue, Lyndhurst, NJ
ATTENDEES: Sign-In Sheets (*available upon request*)

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of this public meeting is to introduce the project team, present the project status and schedule, and to obtain input from the general public on the community interests associated with the Kingsland Avenue (De Jessa Memorial) Bridge in developing the project purpose and need. (*PIC Project Information Handout attached*).

MEETING SUMMARY

1. Based upon the sign-in sheets, a total of twelve (12) individuals attended the Public Information Center (PIC) meeting in the Township of Lyndhurst from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Thirteen (13) project team members were in attendance.
2. The meeting was designed as an open house format with display boards to provide project information for viewing by the general public and to provide reference in addressing any questions from the public. Project Team members were in attendance to present information and assist with questions from the community stakeholders and general public.
3. Two handouts were available at the sign-in table: (1) PIC Project Information Handout and (2) blank PIC Comment Form distributed to the general public upon sign-in to the meeting. The Comment Form could be completed to hand in at the meeting or could be faxed, emailed or mailed to either Bergen County Project Manager, Joseph Baladi, P.E., PP, or to Essex County Project Manager, Luis Rodriguez (*Handouts attached*). Both of the Handouts were posted on the project web site. (www.kingslandavenuebridge.com, under Community Outreach).



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4. Additional blank Community Input Survey forms were available for those interested, who had not already completed a survey. The Community Input Survey is also available on the project website to enter online or to print out.
 5. The project display boards used to share information during the open house included: (1) aerial map of project study area indicating the deficiencies (2) environmental screening map indicating constraints (3) cultural resources map showing historic properties in the area (4) Local Project Delivery Program Process and (5) Local Concept Development Phase – Process Flowchart.
 6. A screen presentation area was available with seating for viewing the PowerPoint presentation, which was presented at 2:30 pm. After introductions from the Project Team, Joseph Baladi, Bergen County Project Manager provided an overview of the project noting the following:

Bergen County in addition to Essex County supports the need to study the bridge due to structural deficiencies that indicate either a major rehabilitation or replacement may be needed. The bridge has mechanical parts that are no longer manufactured, making it even more expensive to continue to repair. The purpose of this bridge study is to identify how to rehabilitate or replace the existing bridge. The costs are too great for either Bergen County or Essex County so it requires Federal funding. This Local Concept Development Study is the first step to the bridge improvements.

Bergen County filed the application with the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) who is overseeing this phase of the project. The bridge is under both Bergen County and Essex County jurisdiction. This bridge carries a very high volume of traffic and it's important getting input from the communities and general public to decide what improvements are needed for the Kingsland Avenue Bridge. Once an alternative is decided, then NJDOT Local Aid will administer the project for the design and construction phases with the Counties utilizing Federal funding.
 7. Bruce Riegel, Hardesty & Hanover Project Manager, presented the project information, status and schedule with PowerPoint presentation slides. Robert Piel (Environmental Specialist, Amy S. Greene Consultants, Inc.) provided information on the environmental resource screening using the display map of environmental screening and Paul McEachen (Cultural Resources Specialist, RGA, Inc.) presented information on the cultural resources screening using a display map showing an aerial of the project area with the historic sites indicated. The PIC PowerPoint presentation and the display maps are available on the project web site (www.kingslandavenuebridge.com, under Community Outreach).
 8. Below are the comments shared by attendees during the Q&A at the end of the brief presentation and during the open house, noted by Project Team members as follows:
 - Need at least two lanes each direction with sidewalks and shoulders.
 - The train into the City is less expensive on the Lyndhurst side, a lot of commuters use that park n' ride.
 - The boat ramp is used by rowing groups, kyaks and canoes - an event was held in the Passaic River - add to stakeholders list the Passaic River Rowing Association.

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- The boat ramp is used by fire and rescue (OEM providers) and tide impacts ability to access the water - Nutley OEM representative offered to provide additional contacts of marine activity/organizations.
 - Traffic volumes and signal timing will be part of the data collection for the LCD Study.
9. At the end of the presentation, attendees were encouraged to take copies of the handouts to share information with others. The 30-day comment period ends as of Friday, November 18, 2016 for the purpose and need. The next public meeting would be in the spring/summer 2017 to present the Purpose and Need Statement and proposed conceptual alternatives for bridge improvements.
 10. A total of three (3) completed PIC Comment Forms were received at the afternoon meeting session in the Township of Lyndhurst (2-4pm). A total of six (6) PIC Comment Forms were received at the evening session in the Township of Nutley (6-8pm) and four (4) additional PIC Comments were submitted via email to County and Project Team members within the 30-day comment period for the project purpose and need. A total of thirteen (13) PIC Comments were received and are attached to this report with personal contact information marked out. Any responses to PIC comments are reflected in the Frequently Asked Questions on the project website. The input from the PIC comments received provided information for the development of the goals and objectives of the project Purpose and Need Statement.
 11. The attendees expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to review and comment on the project to individual Project Team members while viewing the display boards and upon leaving the open house public meeting. The PIC open house adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

We believe the foregoing to be an accurate summary of discussions and related decisions. We would appreciate notification of exceptions or corrections to the minutes within three (3) working days of receipt. Without notification, these minutes will be considered to be record of fact.
NJTPA Bergen County/Essex County Kingsland Avenue (De Jessa Memorial) Bridge Study Project Team



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PROJECT INFORMATION

Bergen County and Essex County are conducting a study for bridge improvements such as a major rehabilitation or replacement of the existing Kingsland Avenue (De Jessa Memorial) Bridge over the Passaic River to address its structural deficiencies and maintain an important transportation connection for local residents and regional commuters in Bergen County and Essex County. Due to its age, the bridge has deteriorated over time and routine maintenance can no longer address the deficiencies.

The Project Background

The existing bridge is in poor overall condition. Several factors contribute to this assessment:

Condition: The bridge is structurally deficient with its superstructure in poor physical condition with observed fatigue cracks found in numerous steel members and loss of section at panel point joints of most below deck truss members. The substructure is in satisfactory condition but has a moderate potentially vulnerability to scour. The bridge's mechanical machinery and electrical system are in poor condition; reaching the end of their serviceable life.

Highway Safety: The bridge railings do not meet current crash and safety standards.

Public Safety: Many parts of the electrical installation on the bridge do not conform to or are in violation of current standards. The bridge control system is not provided with any backup form of operation in the event of a control device or relay failure.

Seismic: The bridge is susceptible to seismic forces and does not meet current seismic design standards.

The Proposed Study:

The current phase of this project is Local Concept Development (LCD). During this phase a well-defined and well-justified Purpose and Need Statement will be developed focusing on the need to improve safety and maintain the current crossing over the Passaic River. The LCD Phase elements also include data collection; coordination with the New Jersey Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, US Coast Guard, local officials, community stakeholders, and permitting agencies; the development of a reasonable number of sensible and practical conceptual alternatives; the development of a Preliminary Preferred Alternative, and to investigate all aspects of the project. These aspects will include environmental, right of way, access, utilities, design, community involvement, constructability, and cost (see NJTPA LCD flowchart).

The primary tasks of stakeholders are to provide community input to assist in the development of the Project Purpose and Need Statement, assist in the development of conceptual alternatives, identify possible fatal flaws, and to assist in the recommendation of the Preliminary Preferred Alternative (PPA) based on the Project Purpose and Need.



Local Concept Development Project Schedule (Major Milestones)

Develop Project Purpose and Need Statement	Fall 2016
Development of Conceptual Alternatives	Winter 2017
Selection of Preliminary Preferred Alternative	Fall 2017
Submission of Draft Concept Development Report	Fall 2017
Obtain Resolutions of Support for Preliminary Preferred Alternative	Fall 2017
Completion of Local Concept Development Phase	Winter 2018

Anticipated Community Involvement Schedule

Community Stakeholders Meeting for Purpose & Need Statement Development	Summer/Fall 2016
Public Information Center for Purpose and Need Statement Development	Fall 2016
Obtain Community Stakeholders Input for Developed Alternatives	Winter/Spring 2017
Local Officials Meeting No. 2 for Preliminary Preferred Alternative Selection	Spring/Summer 2017
Public Information Center No. 2 for Preliminary Preferred Alternative Selection	Summer 2017

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For Additional Project Information, visit the Project Website

www.kingslandavenuebridge.com





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PIC COMMENT #1





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Project Purpose & Need: Public Comments & Suggestions

Please use the space below to provide comments or suggestions (Please print legibly):

Name:

Mailing

Lyndhurst, NJ 07071

Telephone/Fax:

Comments/Suggestions:

I use the bridge daily; The Area
Needs A New bridge with 2 Lanes each
way plus A pedestrian Foot path on
each side. This is A high density Area.
The old bridge is out of touch
with common usage. I own property Near
the bridge & see it every day; the engineers
Tell me they can't get parts to Fix the swing
mechanism.

Kindly submit the comments by Friday, November 18, 2016 to either contact:

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Please help.



P.S.

I have never seen the bridge painted
in 26 years which would help with the erosion.



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PIC COMMENT #2





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Project Purpose & Need: Public Comments & Suggestions

Please use the space below to provide comments or suggestions (Please print legibly):

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

NUTLEY NJ

Telephone/Email: _____

Comments/Suggestions:

1- WHAT PLANS WILL BE IN PLACE FOR
POLICE - FIRE AND EMS RESPONSE FROM
BOTH SIDES OF THE BRIDGE - NUTLEY AND
LYNDHURST HAVE A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT
AND RESPONSE TIMES ARE VERY IMPORTANT.
2- RELIEVE TRAFFIC CONGESTION NOW BY SYNC
LIGHTS - DELAYED RESPONSE FOR EITHER TOWN
C PEAK TIMES IS NOW A PROBLEM.

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PIC COMMENT #3





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Project Purpose & Need: Public Comments & Suggestions

Please use the space below to provide comments or suggestions (Please print legibly):

Name:

Mailing Address:

Telephone/Email:

Comments/Suggestions:

~~Add~~ Additional Lanes on the bridge

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Project Purpose & Need: Public Comments & Suggestions

Please use the space below to provide comments or suggestions (Please print legibly):

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone/Email: _____

Comments/Suggestions:

- Immediate & Immediate Action*
- * ① *Immediate Traffic Signal Coordination*
For more continuous traffic flow.
- ** ② *Enforced by Police presence at each*
traffic signal site especially
during Rush hours / High Traffic times
- *** ③ *With Video Recording and Follow-up*
Mailed Traffic tickets to alleviate
the present traffic snarls.

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PIC COMMENT #5



Subject: RE: Kingsland Avenue Bridge LCD study - MTG REMINDER - 9/29/16, 6pm - NJ TRANSIT participation

Date: Thursday, September 29, 2016 10:35 AM

From: [REDACTED]

To: <maculbertson@verizon.net>

Cc: [REDACTED],

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Conversation: Kingsland Avenue Bridge LCD study - MTG REMINDER - 9/29/16, 6pm - NJ TRANSIT participation

Martine

Thanks for the invitation to participate in this event. Unfortunately we will not be able to participate in tonight's session. NJT does have great interest in this particular project as we have regular route bus service operating along Park Avenue in Nutley & Kingsland Avenue in Lyndhurst using this particular bridge. Any closure of this bridge and any respective roadway detours will have impact on our operations in the area. In addition, DeCamp Bus Lines from Montclair also operates regular route bus service across this bridge.

Moving forward, we do wish to provide input and comments on this study effort. If you can please share any study materials distributed at tonight's session regarding the project to date will be much appreciated. The materials can be sent to my attention for circulation amongst the NJT staff for review and comment.

FYI - for your project distribution list, please note Sallie Morris has retired from NJT. The new NJT Community Relations contact is Grace Introna. Grace's e-mail is gintrona@njtransit.com

If you need any further information from us at this point, please let me know.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

NJ TRANSIT



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Project Purpose & Need: Public Comments & Suggestions

Please use the space below to provide comments or suggestions (Please print legibly):

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____, *NEWARK*

Telephone/Email: _____

Comments/Suggestions:

*Please keep NITPA informed of the project
+ public meetings*

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PIC COMMENT #7



Subject: FW: Nutley East Centre Street Dev Area Handout 4 1 15.pdf

Date: Monday, October 17, 2016 9:58 PM

From: Paul McEachen <pjmceachen@rgaincorporated.com>

To: "briegel@hardesty-hanover.com" <briegel@hardesty-hanover.com>, Martine Culbertson <maculbertson@verizon.net>

Conversation: Nutley East Centre Street Dev Area Handout 4 1 15.pdf

Hi Bruce and Martine,

Can you add this to the information for Kingsland Ave Bridge?

Thanks,

Paul

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, October 17, 2016 8:39 PM

To: Paul McEachen; mwikowski@hardesty-hanover.com

Subject: Nutley East Centre Street Dev Area Handout 4 1 15.pdf

Importance: High

Hello Paul and Matt

Pleasure meeting you tonight.

Please let me know if there is additional information I can provide or assist you in resourcing.

Kindest regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Article: Nutley hears E Centre St Options: <http://www.northjersey.com/news/consultants-present-three-east-centre-street-options-1.1375366?page=all>

Link to videos of Planning Board Tour of E Centre St. <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL80kAPOqyHpIC59mjaJTZmSsIOwqkM5tD>

Board of Commissioners Meeting July 1, 2014 – Zoning Changes E Centre St. <http://ecode360.com/documents/NU0665/public/167937955.pdf>



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PIC COMMENT #8





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Project Purpose & Need: Public Comments & Suggestions

Please use the space below to provide comments or suggestions (Please print legibly):

Name:

Mailing Address:

Telephone/Email:

Comments/Suggestions:

*Remove the entrance + exit for Rt 21
from the bridge.*

*Paint "Do not block the box" and
begin handing out tickets.*

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PIC COMMENT #9





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Project Purpose & Need: Public Comments & Suggestions

Please use the space below to provide comments or suggestions (Please print legibly):

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____, BLOOMFIELD, NJ 07003

Telephone/Email: _____

Comments/Suggestions:

AS THE BRIDGE ADDITIONAL LANES WILL TAKE SOME AREA
FROM THE BOAT RAMP PARKING LOT, TO COMPENSATE
FOR THIS I SUGGEST THAT THE BOAT RAMP BE
IMPROVED BY THE EXTENSION OF THE RAMP TO 6'
BELOW THE CONTINUOUS WATER LINE AND ADDITION OF
A FLOATING DOCK WITH A DECK CHANGING. EST
COST \$0.5M

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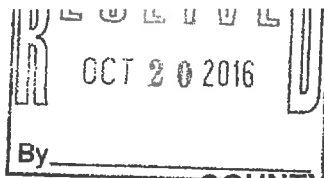


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PIC COMMENT #10





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Please use the space below to provide comments or suggestions (Please print legibly):

Name:

Mailing Address:

Telephone/Email:

Comments/Suggestions:

I WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING AS I WALK WITH A
CANE + MY HUSBAND USES A WALKER + HAS LEWY'S BODY PARKINSONS.
I AM HIS CAREGIVER. I AM 80, HE IS 86. ALL BUT ONE OF MY
DOCTORS ARE IN NUTLEY OR CLIFTON, WHICH REQUIRES ME TO USE THE
BRIDGE AS I DO NOT DRIVE ON HIGHWAYS! ALSO, A GOOD PORTION OF
THE STORES I SHOP IN ARE IN NUTLEY, BELLEVILLE OR CLIFTON.
WHILE I DO NOT EXPECT YOU TO MAKE AN ACCEPTATION ON MY BEHALF, I
HOPE YOU CAN GIVE THIS SOME CONSIDERATION, AS I AM PROBABLY NOT
THE ONLY PERSON IN THIS PREDICAMENT.

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P.S. Please send me some information about the bridge - what
the plan will be. Thank you!



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PIC COMMENT #11



Subject: Passaic River contact info

Date: Monday, October 17, 2016 4:49 PM

From: [REDACTED]

To: "maculbertson@verizon.net" <maculbertson@verizon.net>

Conversation: Passaic River contact info

Hi Martine,

It was very nice speaking with you today. I have some contact information for you that I've posted below but it may be a few years old. I've also included a PDF file about the dredging that took place a few years ago on the Passaic River just north from the Nutley-Lyndhurst bridge. Maybe there is some useful information in there for you.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Nutley volunteer Emergency & Rescue Squad

Nereid Boat Club (NBC)

[REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

e-mail: [REDACTED]

Passaic Boat Club (PBC)

[REDACTED]

Meetings: 1st Wed at VFW, 271 Washington Ave., Nutley

Phone: [REDACTED]

e-mail: [REDACTED]

Passaic River Coalition

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Morristown, NJ 07960

Phone: [REDACTED]

Passaic River Rowing Association (PRRA)

[REDACTED]

Office: [REDACTED]

Cell: [REDACTED]

e-mail: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Kingsland Avenue Bridge LCD Study - Comment Period Reminder

Date: Friday, November 18, 2016 6:54 PM

From: [REDACTED]

To: Martine Culbertson <maculbertson@verizon.net>

Cc: "Kahlon, Sarbjit" <skahlon@njtpa.org>, "Baladi, Joseph" <JBaladi@co.bergen.nj.us>, Luis Rodriguez <lrodriguez@essexcountynj.org>, "briegel@hardesty-hanover.com" <briegel@hardesty-hanover.com>

Conversation: Kingsland Avenue Bridge LCD Study - Comment Period Reminder

I'm wondering if the Kingsland Avenue Bridge Project could be done in 2 phases. As the use of the bridge is to go between Nutley and Lyndhurst or for access to Route 21, would it be possible to create separate access to and from Route 21 from Lyndhurst on both sides of the current bridge in phase 1 and then rebuild the bridge in the middle in phase 2.

What I propose is a Route 21 access ramp be built on the north side of the bridge over the water from Lyndhurst that curves towards Route 21 northbound. Vehicles would then move to the left and feed onto Route 21 northbound or stay to the right which would continue into a 180 loop over Route 21 and come back onto Route 21 southbound. Move to the left to merge onto Route 21 southbound or stay to the right which would merge with the Route 21 southbound Exit 8 onto River Road in Nutley (this would provide access into Nutley when the main bridge is demolished and rebuilt).

You would do the opposite on the other side of the bridge. South of Park Avenue in Nutley, you would have the Route 21 entrance where the left lane would merge onto Route 21 southbound. The right lane would elevate into a 180 loop over Route 21 and come back onto the northbound side. That would split with the left lane merging with the traffic coming from the new access ramp built on the south side of the bridge from Lyndhurst in order to merge onto Route 21 northbound or back over to Route 21 southbound to get onto Route 21 south or exit onto River Road in Nutley. The right lane after the loop would feed to an access ramp that goes over the water on the south side of the bridge into Lyndhurst. The Exit 8 northbound ramp would merge with the loop so that vehicles could either take the new access bridge over to Lyndhurst or go to the next loop and exit onto River Road in Nutley.

This would eliminate the current Route 21 northbound Exit 8 ramp onto Park Ave. and the Route 21 northbound entrance from Park Ave. by the dock on the Nutley side of the bridge which would alleviate a lot of congested traffic.

You would have access to Route 21 north and south as well as access between Nutley and Lyndhurst from these new access ramps and loops. Once this phase is completed, the current bridge can be demolished and rebuilt allowing 4 lanes of traffic to flow between Nutley and Lyndhurst.

The downside (besides cost) is that additional property will need to be utilized on the Lyndhurst side. Eminent domain would need to be enacted to acquire the Exxon station on the Lyndhurst side and probably some parking space from The Heritage at Lyndhurst Luxury Apartments.

Anyway, my priorities in this whole project is emergency vehicle access between Nutley and Lyndhurst for mutual aid requests as well as improvements in boat access from the Nutley dock. The Nutley boat dock and ramp are in dire need of repair and dredging. We cannot launch or retrieve our boat conventionally at low tide; we must use our crane which takes considerable time. I hope this can be addressed in the scope of the project.

Thank you for your consideration and feel free to contact me with any comments or questions.

Respectfully,

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Comments/Suggestions:

NJ Transit Fares to NY Penn Station or Hoboken are
significantly higher from Nutley compared to Lyndhurst
(the Passaic River is the border for the fare zones). I, and
many people I know commute to Lyndhurst from Nutley & surround
towns to save on commuting costs. I suspect there are
many like me that make use of that bridge for this purpose

Kindly submit the comments by Friday, November 18, 2016 to either contact:

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- Please consider the operation of the Rt 21 SB Ramp onto River Road in the traffic study as it impacts the operation of the signal at River & Park Ave.
- at the River Road & Park Ave intersection - traffic on River Road at the Northbound Approach has 2 lanes - left turn ^{Lane} & a thru/right Lane. The thru/right backs up with right turns towards the bridge, so the thru traffic ends up using the left turn only lane. Please
- The widening of the bridge will not correct the operation of the Nutley Signals - the problem lies with the Rt 21 ramps.

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