



COUNTY OF BERGEN / COUNTY OF ESSEX
Local Preliminary Engineering Phase for the
Kingsland Avenue (Avondale and De Jessa Memorial) Bridge Replacement
over the Passaic River
Township of Lyndhurst and Township of Nutley, New Jersey



PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTER SUMMARY
MEETING REPORT

DATE: Thursday, February 8, 2024
TIME: 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.
LOCATION: Online via Microsoft Teams

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of the Public Information Center meeting was to inform the public of the status and schedule, present Preliminary Preferred Alternative (PPA) refinements and proposed design and detour plans for the bridge replacement and approach roadway intersection improvements, and to solicit public input on the bridge replacement.

MEETING SUMMARY

1. An Online Public Information Center (PIC) Meeting Invitation Letter, PIC Meeting Notice, and blank PIC Comment Form were mailed to local officials, property owners within 500 feet of the project limits and community stakeholders, including businesses, residents, cultural and civic organizations, hospitals and schools that provided mailing addresses at prior meetings or via the project website. The mailing also included the general public who attended prior meetings and provided mailing addresses. For those who provided email addresses, the PIC Meeting Notice and Comment Form (*Attachment A*) were also sent via email.
2. The Township of Lyndhurst and Township of Nutley were asked to post the PIC Meeting Notice and PIC Comment Form on their municipal websites to enhance public awareness of the meeting. The PIC Meeting Notice was also posted on the Bergen County and Essex County websites and in the Legal Notices sections of *The Star-Ledger* on January 21, 2024, and the *Nutley Sun (Belleville Times)* on January 25, 2024.
3. For members of the public without internet access, a copy of the meeting materials was available via mail and/or email as a PDF file, which included a telephone number to call in to listen to the online PIC meeting.
4. The PIC Meeting Notice provided information on how to access the online meeting held on Thursday, February 8, 2024, from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. The online PIC meeting link was included in the PIC Notice and available on the project website as a hyperlink to click directly to the meeting.
5. Approximately thirty-four (34) members of the public and local officials attended the online PIC meeting. A total of eighteen (18) Project Team members also participated in the online PIC meeting.
6. Online Meeting Guidelines and Introductions

Martine Culbertson, Community Involvement Facilitator, welcomed participants to the online meeting noting the following guidelines and review of the meeting agenda.



- a) Anyone experiencing technical difficulty seeing the screen or hearing the audio was asked to call or text Megan Lawlor, H&H Project Engineer, providing her phone number and email address for assistance.
- b) Any questions or comments could be typed into the chat box and the project team would respond during the Q&A part of the meeting agenda.
- c) The meeting was recorded and posted on the project website along with the presentation slides for the public to view over the 30-day public comment period through Friday, March 15, 2024. *NOTE: Due to the delay of posting the presentation and Easter holidays, the public comment period was extended to Friday, April 5, 2024.*
- d) Some project team members' cameras were on during introductions as a courtesy while welcoming participants. Attendees could have cameras on during introductions, however during the presentation no cameras were on and everyone was muted except the presenter/speaker, so the focus was on the presentation slides.
- e) This online public meeting was for the Bergen County/Essex County Local Preliminary Engineering (LPE) Phase for the Kingsland Avenue (Avondale and De Jessa Memorial) Bridge over the Passaic River connecting the Township of Lyndhurst with the Township of Nutley. This is a Bergen County/Essex County bridge under joint jurisdiction for operation, maintenance and repairs alternating every two years.
- f) In this LPE Phase, Bergen County received Federal funding for the bridge replacement preliminary engineering and environmental work to advance the project, with oversight and coordination with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).
- g) The purpose of this LPE Phase online Public Information Center (PIC) Meeting was to:
 - i. Present the project status and schedule and provide the preliminary engineering plans for the bridge replacement;
 - ii. Then open the meeting to questions and responses during the Q&A session and provide next steps for the bridge replacement project.
- h) Martine Culbertson, Community Involvement Facilitator, began by reading the PIC Notice. All members of the public were welcomed to participate in this online public meeting. Martine introduced the Project Team using a slide listing the cooperating agencies and key project team members.

7. Project Presentation – Opening Remarks

Joseph Baladi, Bergen County Division Head – Planning and Bergen County Project Manager for this bridge replacement project, welcomed everyone on behalf of Bergen County and their Board of County Commissioners. He thanked participants for their interest in this bridge project and in attending today's meeting. Bergen County has completed the Local Concept Development (LCD) Phase and the bridge was determined to be in need of replacement. The project is now in the LPE Phase.

- a) This is an essential bridge crossing and an important bridge replacement project. The County would like to see the design advance as efficiently as possible and appreciates the support provided by both Lyndhurst Township officials and Nutley Township officials in addition to the Bergen County Board of County Commissioners.
- b) Andres Gomez-Ortiz, Essex County Principal Engineer, provided opening remarks on behalf of Essex County. He thanked everyone for attending and agreed in sharing Bergen County's desire to progress the bridge replacement which the Essex County Board of County Commissioners also fully supports.

- c) The LPE Phase contract was awarded to the Hardesty and Hanover (H&H) design team. H&H then presented the project overview and information on the LPE Phase and proposed bridge replacement design plans.

8. Project Presentation – Project Overview – LPE Phase

Bruce Riegel, H&H Project Manager, presented the project overview of the Local Capital Delivery Process. When using Federal funding for transportation improvements, there are specific phases and steps to be implemented. He provided the project schedule and discussed key schedule dates, scope of the LPE Phase of work, and the fixed bridge plans as determined by the Preliminary Preferred Alternative (PPA) at the close of the LCD Phase.

- a) Project Status and Schedule was provided, indicating key anticipated dates for each major milestone phase:
- The LPE Phase began in August 2022 and the estimated completion is Spring 2024.
 - The Final Design (FD) Phase that includes final design plans, environmental permits and completion of the right-of-way process is anticipated from Summer 2024 to Summer 2026.
 - Provided all right-of-way and permits are secured, the Construction Phase is estimated to begin Fall 2026 and be completed by Spring 2028.
- b) The LPE Phase work effort involves completing the environmental documentation (Categorical Exclusion) and the preliminary engineering studies, plans and reports. The overall purpose of the bridge replacement project is to address the structural, geometric, and operational deficiencies and to provide safe, efficient, and reliable passage for all users and modes of transportation.

9. Project Presentation – Bergen County Kingsland Avenue (Avondale and De Jessa Memorial) Bridge over the Passaic River

Bruce Riegel and Brian Medino, H&H Deputy Project Manager, presented, via PowerPoint slides, the proposed fixed bridge replacement and approach roadway intersection improvements with associated environmental considerations, which received resolutions of support from the Municipalities and the Counties.

Bruce Riegel noted that the critical path items for this LPE Phase schedule are primarily environmental studies/documentation as well as coordination with regulatory agencies.

- a) The approved Project Purpose and Need Statement with the goals and objectives and the key criteria determined during the LCD Phase were presented, which resulted in the selection of a new fixed bridge replacement.
- b) Brian Medino presented the fixed bridge replacement structure and associated improvements at the approach roadway intersections:
- The new bridge will be wider (total width 78 feet) to accommodate an additional westbound lane so there will be two lanes eastbound and three lanes westbound with 6-foot sidewalks on both sides.
 - The outside lane on each side will be 15-feet in width with shared use of vehicle and bicycle compatibility.
 - There will be approach roadway intersection improvements including traffic signal phasing, pedestrian countdown heads, painted crosswalks and ADA-compatible curb ramps to enhance pedestrian safety and mobility.
- c) Renderings were provided to show what the new bridge would look like from an aerial view and from a river view. The aerial view shows the bridge cross section with the number of lanes and sidewalks. These images were created to assist in visualizing the new bridge and are posted on the project website for the public to view.

- d) A list of the LPE Phase work effort provided information on the engineering and environmental steps, which are on-going during this phase of the project. The steps are required by the Federal process to develop the preliminary engineering plans and environmental resources documentation.
- e) A proposed detour route was presented because the existing bridge cannot remain open to traffic during replacement. This is due to the swing span truss structure. The bridge will be closed and there will be a detour route anticipated for an estimated eighteen (18) month duration. There will be continued coordination with both Municipalities and the Counties to review further details regarding the proposed detour plan to ensure safe alternative travel for vehicles, pedestrians, and cyclists during Construction.
- f) The environmental screening done during the LCD Phase was presented showing an environmental resources constraints map. A review of the environmental documentation to be completed during the LPE Phase was provided. The tasks include the environmental and cultural resource studies required during this phase in order to obtain the necessary permits during the FD Phase and for Construction.
- g) Martine Culbertson, Community Involvement Facilitator from M.A. Culbertson, LLC, presented Community Involvement meetings from the prior LCD Phase and those held and anticipated for the LPE Phase.
 - Dates of previous LCD Phase outreach meetings with local officials, community stakeholders, and the public information center meetings were provided.
 - Future online meetings will be scheduled to share project information and obtain input as the project progresses to the Final Design Phase.
 - The current LPE Phase is mainly to advance the PPA and develop more details regarding the footprint for the bridge replacement and approach roadway intersection improvements and to identify right-of-way and environmental impacts to mitigate. In the next Final Design Phase, the right-of-way process will occur to discuss any temporary or permanent easements directly with property owners once the County is authorized with Federal funding to negotiate with individual property owners.
 - The project website contains past LCD Phase information and current LPE Phase progress. Please visit the website to view Recent News and submit comments on the Contact Us page: www.kingslandavenuebridge.com
 - Joseph Baladi is the key contact as the Bergen County Project Manager and the project email address for any questions/comments is kingslandavenuebridge@gmail.com
 - Any questions or comments for Luis Rodriguez, Essex County Assistant County Engineer, can be submitted to same project email address: kingslandavenuebridge@gmail.com

10. Input – Comments and Questions, Q&A Session

At the end of the presentation slides, the meeting was opened for community and public input by participants.

- Comments and questions in the Chat box were read first, as they were received.
- Participants were asked to use the Raise Hand option and unmute to verbally share comments and questions.
- Those connected by phone audio were invited to unmute if they wished to provide comments or questions.
- Q&A continued with additional questions entered into Chat and participants with raised hands and unmuting.

11. Project Presentation – Next Steps

The next steps are to obtain comments from the public over the next 30-day period. Once the public comment period ends on Friday, April 5, 2024, the Project Team will finalize the preliminary engineering and environmental studies for the LPE Report. The LPE Report and a presentation will be given to the Interagency Review Committee to discuss and determine if they concur to advance the Final Design Phase.

12. Project Presentation – Closing Remarks

The Mayor of Lyndhurst, Hon. Robert Giangeruso, thanked the team for the presentation and the opportunity to share with the residents and public. However, he also expressed his frustration at the length of time it takes to design and replace the bridge. Their effort to address the traffic and bridge issues dates to 2006.

- The Project Team noted that specific steps and phases have been progressing since 2016 as directed by the Federal process implemented at that time. They are required in order for Bergen County to receive Federal funding for the bridge replacement.
- The program requires reviews, approvals and concurrence from a number of State and Federal agencies. FHWA approval for advancing the project was dependent on U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) clearance for a fixed bridge replacement, instead of a movable bridge, in this location. Bergen County waited more than a year after the LCD Phase was completed for USCG pre-determination approval of the vertical clearance.

Andres Gomez-Ortiz, Essex County Principal Engineer for this project, extended appreciation to everyone on behalf of Essex County. The success of this meeting and the project is supported by the Essex County Board of County Commissioners. They support the efforts and proposed bridge replacement improvements to advance to Final Design and Construction.

In closing, Joseph Baladi, Bergen County Division Head – Planning and Bergen County Project Manager, thanked local officials and the attendees for their time and participation in today's meeting. The County will work with state and local officials to advance the project and replace the bridge using Federal funding. The valuable input provided by participants and support by the communities is appreciated.

Additional Notes:

13. During the Online PIC Meeting, before and after the Question & Answer (Q&A) session, attendees were informed that the online Chat Box was to be used for questions only for the online PIC Meeting and not for submitting official comments. Official written comments had to be submitted by the following methods to be included in the public record documentation:

Online (website form): www.kingslandavenuebridge.com

E-mail: kingslandavenuebridge@gmail.com

Mail: Joseph Baladi, P.E., P.P., C.M.E.
Division Head – Planning (Bergen County Project Manager)
One Bergen County Plaza, 4th Floor
Hackensack, NJ 07601

Fax: 201-336-6449

Written comments could be submitted through the 30-day public comment period, which was to end Friday, March 15, 2024, but was later extended to Friday, April 5, 2024.

14. It was noted that a public meeting summary report would be posted to the project website, after the 30-day public comment period had ended and once the report was reviewed and approved. The online public meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

15. A total of 3 (three) written comments were submitted by three individuals. Written comments were received via the project email address, the project website online, and a completed PIC Comment Form sent by U.S. postal mail to Bergen County. The PIC Comments received are attached to this report (*Attachment B*). Personal information has been redacted.
16. All written comments were received within the 30-day public comment period and responses to comments were sent via the project email address. The PIC Summary Meeting Report will be posted to the project website once reviewed and approved, that will include the PIC comments received and responses sent with personal contact information redacted.
17. The LPE Phase is anticipated to be completed by Spring 2024.
18. Visit the project website at www.kingslandavenuebridge.com for additional information and the latest news.

We believe the foregoing to be an accurate summary of discussions and related decisions. We would appreciate notification of exceptions or corrections to the summary within three (3) working days of receipt. Without notification, it will be considered to be a record of fact.
Kingsland Avenue Bridge Project Team



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ATTACHMENT A

PIC Meeting Invitation Letter
PIC Meeting Notice
PIC Comment Form





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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ENGINEERING
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James J. Tedesco III
County Executive

Joseph A. Femia, P.E.
Director/County Engineer

January 22, 2024

RE: Online Public Information Center Meeting Notice

Local Preliminary Engineering Phase for the Bergen County / Essex County
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Township of Lyndhurst, Bergen County and Township of Nutley, Essex County, New Jersey

Dear Property Owner or Interested Community Stakeholder:

On Thursday, February 8, 2024, Bergen County and Essex County, in cooperation with the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, the New Jersey Department of Transportation, and the Federal Highway Administration, will be hosting an online Public Information Center meeting regarding the Local Preliminary Engineering (LPE) phase for the Kingsland Avenue (Avondale and De Jessa Memorial) Bridge Replacement project:

Online Public Information Center Meeting

Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Place: Online via Microsoft Teams at <https://bit.ly/kabpic1>

Or call in (audio only): 1-929-336-2435 Phone Conference ID: 976 116 271#

The purpose of the Public Information Center meeting is to inform the public of the project status and schedule, present Preliminary Preferred Alternative (PPA) refinements and proposed design and detour plans for the bridge replacement and approach roadway intersection improvements, and to solicit public input. You have been specifically invited due to your property's proximity to the project site or your potential interest as a community stakeholder.

You and all members of the general public are invited and encouraged to comment on the bridge replacement project. Written comments will be accepted through Friday, March 15, 2024. Comments may be submitted in any of the following ways:

Mail: Joseph Baladi, P.E., P.P., C.M.E.
Division Head – Planning (Bergen County Project Manager)
One Bergen County Plaza, 4th Floor
Hackensack, NJ 07601

Fax: 201-336-6449

E-mail: kingslandavenuebridge@gmail.com

Online: www.kingslandavenuebridge.com

For additional project information, please visit www.kingslandavenuebridge.com. If you have any questions concerning the project, please contact this office. The Project Team looks forward to your participation at the meeting.

Sincerely,

Joseph Baladi, P.E., P.P., C.M.E.
Division Head – Planning (Bergen County Project Manager)
kingslandavenuebridge@gmail.com

cc: Joseph A. Femia, P.E., Department Director and Bergen County Engineer
Thomas Duch, Esq., Bergen County Administrator and County Counsel
Kenneth Ehrenberg, Esq., Deputy Bergen County Administrator
Peter Botsolas, Bergen County Senior Policy and Planning Advisor
Amanda Karpinski, MPA, Bergen County Public Information Officer
Sanjeev Varghese, P.E., P.P., Essex County Engineer
Kingsland Avenue Bridge LPE Project Team



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22 de enero de 2024

Asunto: Aviso de reunión del Centro de información pública en línea

Fase de ingeniería local preliminar para los condados de Bergen y Essex
Reemplazo del puente sobre el río Passaic en Kingsland Avenue (Avondale y De Jessa Memorial)
Municipio de Lyndhurst, Condado de Bergen y Municipio de Nutley, Condado de Essex, Nueva Jersey

Estimado propietario o parte interesada de la comunidad:

El jueves 8 de febrero de 2024, los condados de Bergen y Essex, en colaboración con la Autoridad de Planificación de Transporte de North Jersey, el Departamento de Transporte de Nueva Jersey y la Administración Federal de Carreteras, celebrarán una reunión en línea del Centro de Información Pública en relación con la fase de Ingeniería Preliminar Local (LPE) para el proyecto de sustitución del puente de Kingsland Avenue (Avondale y De Jessa Memorial):

Reunión en línea del Centro de Información Pública

Fecha: jueves 8 de febrero de 2024

Hora: 6:00 p.m. a 8:00 p.m.

Lugar: En línea a través de Microsoft Teams en <https://bit.ly/kabpic1>

O llame (solo audio): 1-929-336-2435

ID de conferencia telefónica: 976 116 271#

El objetivo de la reunión del Centro de Información Pública es poner en conocimiento del público el estado y el cronograma del proyecto, presentar los detalles de la Alternativa Preliminar Preferida (PPA) y los planes de diseño y desvíos propuestos para la sustitución del puente y las mejoras de las intersecciones de las carreteras de acceso, así como solicitar la opinión del público. Se le ha invitado especialmente por la proximidad de su propiedad al lugar del proyecto o por su posible interés como parte interesada de la comunidad.

Usted y todos los miembros del público en general están invitados y alentados a comentar sobre el proyecto de reemplazo del puente. Se aceptarán comentarios por escrito hasta el viernes 15 de marzo de 2024. Los comentarios pueden enviarse de cualquiera de las siguientes maneras:

Correo: Joseph Baladi, P.E., P.P., C.M.E.
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One Bergen County Plaza, 4th Floor
Hackensack, NJ 07601

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Correo electrónico: kingslandavenuebridge@gmail.com

En línea: www.kingslandavenuebridge.com

Para obtener información adicional sobre el proyecto, visite www.kingslandavenuebridge.com. Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre el proyecto, comuníquese con esta oficina. El Condado espera su participación en la reunión.

Atentamente,

Joseph Baladi, P.E., P.P., C.M.E.
Jefe de División – Planificación (Gerente de Proyecto del Condado de Bergen)
kingslandavenuebridge@gmail.com

cc: Joseph A. Femia, P.E., Director del Departamento e Ingeniero del Condado de Bergen
Thomas Duch, Esq., Administrador del Condado de Bergen y Abogado del Condado
Kenneth Ehrenberg, Esq., Administrador Adjunto del Condado de Bergen
Peter Botsolas, asesor principal de políticas y planificación del condado de Bergen
Amanda Karpinski, MPA, Oficial de Información Pública del Condado de Bergen
Sanjeev Varghese, P.E., P.P., Ingeniero del Condado de Essex
Equipo del proyecto LPE del puente de la avenida Kingsland



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Online Public Information Center Meeting

The County of Bergen and County of Essex, in cooperation with the New Jersey Department of Transportation, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, and the Federal Highway Administration, will be hosting an online Public Information Center meeting to inform local residents, organizations, businesses and the general public of the Local Preliminary Engineering (LPE) Phase for the Kingsland Avenue (Avondale and De Jessa Memorial) Bridge over the Passaic River located between the Township of Lyndhurst and the Township of Nutley, New Jersey.

The purpose of the Public Information Center meeting is to inform the public of the status and schedule, present Preliminary Preferred Alternative (PPA) refinements and proposed design and detour plans for the bridge replacement and approach roadway intersection improvements, and to solicit public input on the bridge replacement. This meeting is being conducted in conformance with Federal and State regulations. The public is invited and encouraged to comment on the study.

Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Place: Online via Microsoft Teams at <https://bit.ly/kabpic1>
Or call in (audio only): 1-929-336-2435 Phone Conference ID: 976 116 271#

For members of the public without internet access, a copy of the meeting presentation can be provided to you. To receive a copy, please contact Joseph Baladi at 201-336-6446 or kingslandavenuebridge@gmail.com no later than Tuesday, February 6, 2024.

Written comments will be accepted through Friday, March 15, 2024. Comments may be submitted in any of the following ways:

Mail: Joseph Baladi, P.E., P.P., C.M.E.
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One Bergen County Plaza, 4th Floor
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This meeting is open to all members of the public.





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Reunión del centro de información pública en línea

El Condado de Bergen y el Condado de Essex, en cooperación con el Departamento de Transporte de Nueva Jersey, la Autoridad de Planificación del Transporte del Norte de Jersey y la Administración Federal de Carreteras, organizarán una reunión en línea del Centro de Información Pública para informar a los residentes locales, organizaciones, empresas y al público en general de la fase de ingeniería preliminar local (LPE) para el puente Kingsland Avenue (Avondale y De Jessa Memorial) sobre el río Passaic ubicado entre el municipio de Lyndhurst y el municipio de Nutley, Nueva Jersey.

El objetivo de la reunión del Centro de Información Pública es poner en conocimiento del público el estado y el cronograma del proyecto, presentar los detalles de la Alternativa Preliminar Preferida (PPA) y los planes de diseño y desvíos propuestos para la sustitución del puente y las mejoras de las intersecciones de las carreteras de acceso, así como solicitar la opinión del público. Esta reunión se celebra de conformidad con la normativa federal y estatal. Se invita y anima al público a comentar sobre el estudio.

Fecha: jueves 8 de febrero de 2024

Hora: 6:00 p.m. a 8:00 p.m.

Lugar: en línea a través de Microsoft Teams en <https://bit.ly/kabpic1>

O llame (solo audio): 1-929-336-2435 ID de conferencia telefónica: 976 116 271#

Para los miembros del público sin acceso a Internet, se le puede proporcionar una copia de la presentación de la reunión. Para recibir una copia, comuníquese con Joseph Baladi al 201-336-6446 o kingslandavenuebridge@gmail.com a más tardar el martes 6 de febrero de 2024.

Se aceptarán comentarios por escrito hasta el viernes 15 de marzo de 2024. Los comentarios pueden enviarse de cualquiera de las siguientes maneras:

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Esta reunión está abierta a todos los miembros del público.





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LPE Phase Bridge Replacement: Public Comments & Suggestions

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

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone/Email: _____

Comments/Suggestions:

Kindly submit the comments by Friday, March 15, 2024 to:

Mail: Joseph Baladi, P.E., P.P., C.M.E.
Division Head – Planning (Bergen County Project Manager)
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Reemplazo del puente de la fase LPE: comentarios y sugerencias del público

Utilice el espacio siguiente para hacer comentarios o sugerencias (escriba en letra de imprenta legible):

Nombre: _____

Dirección Postal: _____

Teléfono/correo electrónico: _____

Comentarios/Sugerencias:

Envíe los comentarios antes del viernes 15 de marzo de 2024 a:

Correo: Joseph Baladi, P.E., P.P., C.M.E.
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Hackensack, NJ 07601
Fax: 201-336-6449
Correo electrónico kingslandavenuebridge@gmail.com
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PIC Comments and Responses
(Personal information redacted)





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Public Information Center (PIC) Meeting No. – February 8, 2024

Comments and Project Team Responses

Commenter #1



Subject: Re: Kingsland Avenue (Avondale and De Jessa Memorial) Bridge Replacement Public Information Meeting

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 1/25/2024, 6:54 PM

To: Kingsland Avenue Bridge <kingslandavenuebridge@gmail.com>

Wonderful! Another series of wasted meetings and nothing gets done. Is this the third time these ridiculous meetings are taking place? Tear down the dangerous bridge and replace it. And get rid of the stoplight at the Route 21 exit.

[REDACTED]



Kingsland Avenue Bridge <kingslandavenuebridge@gmail.com>

Re: Kingsland Avenue (Avondale and De Jessa Memorial) Bridge Replacement Public Information Meeting

1 message

Kingsland Avenue Bridge <kingslandavenuebridge@gmail.com>

Wed, May 15, 2024 at 2:17 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Bcc: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your comments and question. The County received federal funding for the bridge replacement and as such, federal procedure requires conducting engineering and environmental studies and a number of public meetings with local officials, community stakeholders and the general public.

The project has progressed to the Local Preliminary Engineering (LPE) Phase that is expected to be completed by year end and move into the Final Design Phase. The traffic signal at the Route 21 ramps will also be improved once the new bridge is constructed.

Thank you for your interest in this important bridge replacement project.

Sincerely,
Kingsland Avenue Bridge Project Team

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Commenter #2



Subject: LPE Phase Bridge Replacement: Public Comments & Suggestions

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 1/24/2024, 6:33 PM

To: kingslandavenuebridge@gmail.com

[REDACTED]

Lyndhurst, NJ 07071

Comments/Suggestions: Page Ave is a likely detour street for this project. Page Ave is plagued daily by speeding cars, zero street lights from Riverside to Ridge Rd and a lack of painted crosswalks (outside of major intersections -Stuyvesant, Ridge and River). The corner of Page and Stuyvesant would benefit from a street light due to its proximity to 1 public school, 1 private daycare with an active parking lot and a church with a daycare facility to help mitigate the already existing problem of regular speeding. Backing out [REDACTED] between 8-9am, 3-3:20 pm and 5-7pm is already a problem from those trying to cut through to the bridge while it is currently opened. Another corner that would benefit from a light would be anywhere on riverside from Kingsland to Valleybrook. The only thing that slows the speeding after the Kingsland light is the Valleybrook light. Pedestrians are really taking their life in their hands trying to cross by the county park on a daily basis. Riverside by the bridge is currently a non-pedestrian friendly location as well.

Thank you.



Kingsland Avenue Bridge <kingslandavenuebridge@gmail.com>

Re: LPE Phase Bridge Replacement: Public Comments & Suggestions

1 message

Kingsland Avenue Bridge <kingslandavenuebridge@gmail.com>

Wed, May 15, 2024 at 2:17 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Bcc: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your comments. The proposed detour plans will be further investigated and developed during the next Final Design Phase. Page Avenue is not expected to be part of the project detour route. The suggestions of traffic lights and other improvements at locations beyond the project limits will be forwarded to those who have jurisdiction of those locations.

When the Kingsland Avenue Bridge is replaced, there will be improvements at the approach roadway intersections to enhance access and safety for pedestrians at those crosswalks.

Thank you for your interest in this important bridge replacement project.

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LPE Phase Bridge Replacement: Public Comments & Suggestions

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

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone/Email: _____

Comments/Suggestions:

- 1) FREQUENCY OF TRAFFIC LIGHT @ 21 EXIT SHOULD BE
SENSORED TO ADJUST TO TRAFFIC FLOW PERIODS.
- 2) WIDENING OF RT. 21 OVERPASS SHOULD BE PART
OF THIS CONSTRUCTION TO PROVIDE A THIRD LANE
TO TURN RIGHT ONTO RIVER ROAD IN NUTLEY.
- 3) TRAFFIC LIGHTS NEED TO BE PHYSICALLY CONNECTED &
SYNCHRONIZED TO AVOID EXTENSIVE BACK-UP & DELAYS
ON THE LYNDBURST SIDE.

Kindly submit the comments by Friday, March 15, 2024 to:

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For additional information, please visit the project website: www.kingslandavenuebridge.com





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Response to Your Comments Regarding the Kingsland Avenue Bridge Replacement

1 message

Kingsland Avenue Bridge <kingslandavenuebridge@gmail.com>

Wed, May 15, 2024 at 2:17 PM

To:

Bcc:

Dear

Thank you for your comments. Below are responses to the items noted in your completed Comment Form:

#1 – Traffic signal timings at all three of the signalized intersections within the project limits will be improved and optimized as part of the proposed construction. The optimized timings have been developed for different daily time periods, including the a.m. and p.m. peak periods and off-peak times to allow for optimal traffic flow based on volume demands. Actuated approaches will be equipped with radar detection to place calls and extend green times when needed based on demand.

#2 – The Route 21 overpass is under the jurisdiction of NJDOT and revisions to this structure are outside the scope of work for this bridge replacement project. Please note the peak hour volumes do not warrant the addition of a dedicated right turn lane at the intersection.

#3 – All three traffic signals will be interconnected using GPS time sync technology which maintains offsets between signals.

Thank you for your interest in this important bridge replacement project.

Sincerely,

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