



COUNTY OF BERGEN / COUNTY OF ESSEX

Local Preliminary Engineering Phase for Kingsland Avenue (Avondale and De Jessa Memorial) Bridge Replacement Township of Lyndhurst and Township of Nutley, New Jersey



PROJECT INFORMATION

Bergen County and Essex County are advancing the design for the replacement of the existing Kingsland Avenue (Avondale and 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

A Local Concept Development (LCD) Study for major rehabilitation or replacement of the Kingsland Avenue Bridge was completed in 2020 using federal funding through the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), with Bergen County as the project sponsor and Essex County with shared jurisdiction. During this phase, a well-defined Purpose and Need Statement was developed focusing on the need to improve safety and maintain the current crossing over the Passaic River. A number of conceptual alternatives were developed to meet the project goals and objectives. In coordination with the NJTPA, the New Jersey Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, local officials, community stakeholders, and permitting agencies, it was agreed, upon completion of an alternatives analysis, that the recommended Preliminary Preferred Alternative (PPA) to address the structural deficiencies is to replace the bridge with a new bridge structure. Resolutions of Support were passed by both the Township of Lyndhurst and Township of Nutley for the PPA. Improvements to the approach roadway intersection are also proposed in the vicinity of the bridge in Lyndhurst and in Nutley to better accommodate vehicular flow and mobility for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Local Preliminary Engineering Phase

The project is currently in the Local Preliminary Engineering (LPE) phase. The LPE phase involves performing engineering and environmental tasks and documentation in order to obtain National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) clearance for the project. Based on the Preliminary Preferred Alternative (PPA), a number of activities are simultaneously set in motion: community involvement (meetings with affected property owners or business owners), agency consultation, environmental documentation, design level mapping and design services. To inform and to encourage community consensus, community stakeholder and public information center meetings will be conducted, which may lead to minor refinements of the approach roadway intersections of the PPA. The Townships of Lyndhurst and Nutley will be asked to maintain the resolutions of support for the PPA and for any design refinements.

The tasks conducted during the LPE Phase consist of, but are not limited to:

- Technical Environmental Studies (including Section 106 and Section 4(f) Evaluation)
- NEPA Document (Categorical Exclusion)
- Development of design level base plans
- Utility discovery and verification
- Geotechnical studies for pavement design





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- Preliminary drainage work
- Structural studies that document the structural selection process and the recommended structure and aesthetic treatments
- Access and right of way impact evaluation
- Development of property acquisition cost estimates and project cost estimates

Local Preliminary Engineering Phase – Anticipated Project Schedule (Major Milestones)

Environmental Documentation Completed	Fall 2023
Submission of Local Preliminary Engineering Report	Fall 2023
Completion of Local Preliminary Engineering Phase	Spring 2024

Anticipated Community Involvement Schedule

Local Officials Meetings	September 2022, Fall 2023/Winter 2024
Community Stakeholders Meeting	April 2023
Public Information Center Meeting	Fall 2023/Winter 2024

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