

# Route 9/35, Main Street Bridge



**Public Information Center Preliminary Engineering** 

June 17, 2024 to June 28, 2024





### **Presentation Overview**

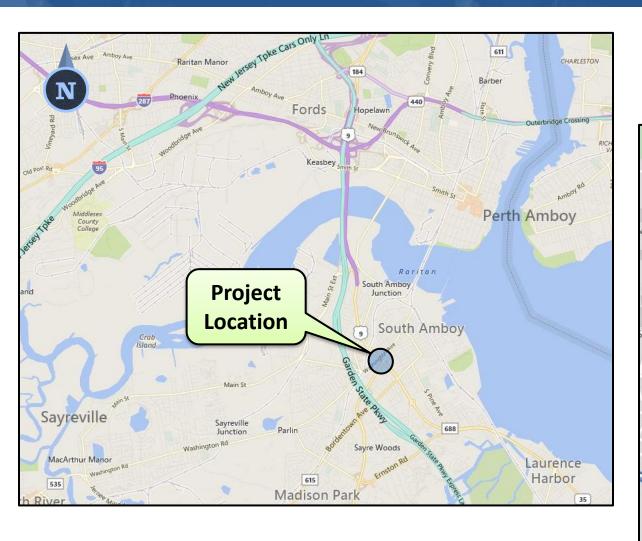


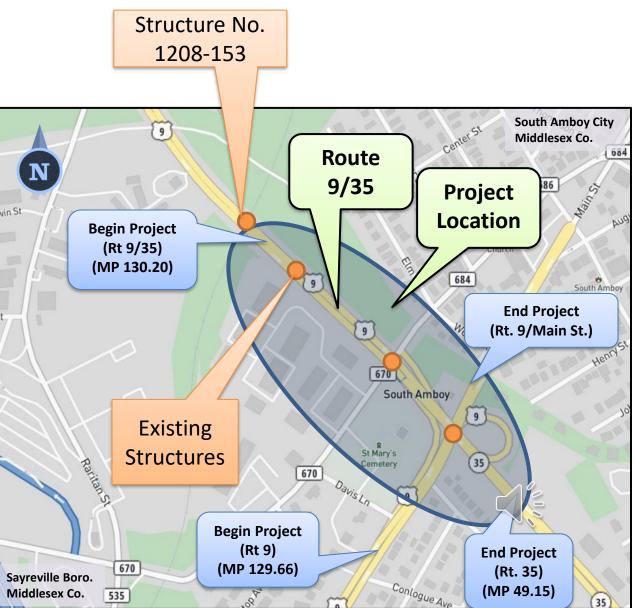
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## Project Location





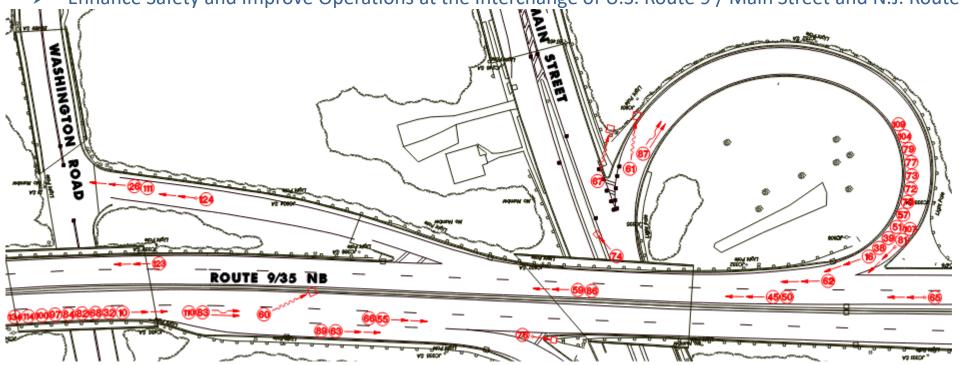


### Purpose and Need



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Enhance Safety and Improve Operations at the Interchange of U.S. Route 9 / Main Street and N.J. Route 35



#### **LEGEND:**

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**Number of Crashes** 

- Highest Priority Rating and #1 on Congestion Relief Project List
- Travel Time Index (TTI)
  - US 9 / NJ 35 Northbound 5.5
  - US 9 / NJ 35 Southbound 1.5
  - (i.e. it takes 5.5x longer than normal [1])
  - (Data From CD Phase)

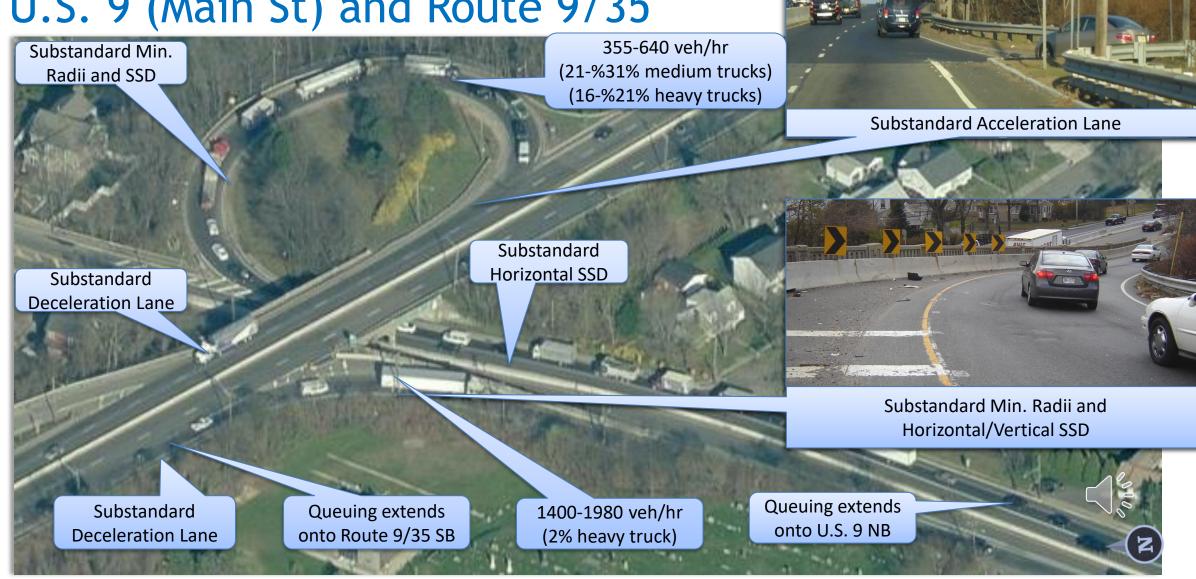
- Total crashes reported = 534 (2016-2021)
- Average Crashes/Year = 107 (2016-2021)
- MP 129.60-129.92 Safety Score = 10
- MP 129.92-130.23 Safety Score = 7
  - Safety Score: 0 = No Crashes, 10 = Worst Score -2011-2013 data (similar patterns thru 2018)





## Existing Conditions (Cont.)

### U.S. 9 (Main St) and Route 9/35

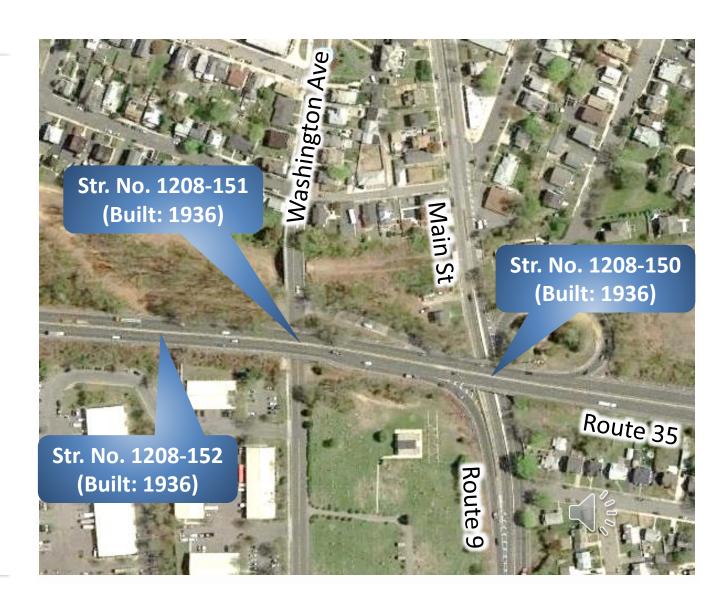


## Existing Conditions (Cont.)



### Bridges

- Built in 1930s
- Historical Analysis (July 2021)
  - **1208-150** 
    - Condition = Satisfactory
    - Sufficiency Rating = 70.4/100
    - Ranking = Priority 3, Medium
  - **1208-151** 
    - Condition = Fair
    - Sufficiency Rating = 51.0/100
    - Ranking = Priority 2, High
  - **1208-152** 
    - Condition = Fair
    - Sufficiency Rating = 56.3/100
    - Ranking = Priority 2, High
  - Ranking: 1=high priority, 5=low/no priority repair



### NEPA and Environmental Permitting





#### **LEGEND**

Wetland A - Ordinary Resource Value

State Open Water B

50' Riparian Zone

NJGS Historic Fill

Historic District

Existing Bridge

Proposed Pavement

#### **Anticipated Environmental Document**

Categorical Exclusion Document

#### Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

- SHPO concurrence received on Area of Potential Effect (APE) for architecture and archeology
- Route 9/35 Interchange is recommended individually eligible for listing in the NRHP
- Route 9/35 Bridge over Conrail is recommended as a NRHP eligible contributing element to the Raritan River Railroad Historic District (RRRHD)
- Cultural Resources Report findings indicate adverse effect to the NRHP RRRHD and Route 9/35 Interchange
- SHPO coordination is ongoing

#### Section 4(f)

 Individual Section 4(f) Evaluation anticipated due to potential adverse effect to cultural resources

#### Coordination with the US Fish and Wildlife

- Potential habitat for the tricolored bat in adjacent forested areas.
- Bat survey performed for all three bridges within the project area and submitted to USFWS

#### Deforestation/Tree Mitigation

 Coordination with NJDEP to determine tree mitigation under the No Net Loss Compensatory Reforestation Act.

#### Potential for Regulated Material

 Material or contaminated sites due to mapped historic fill and the rail line.

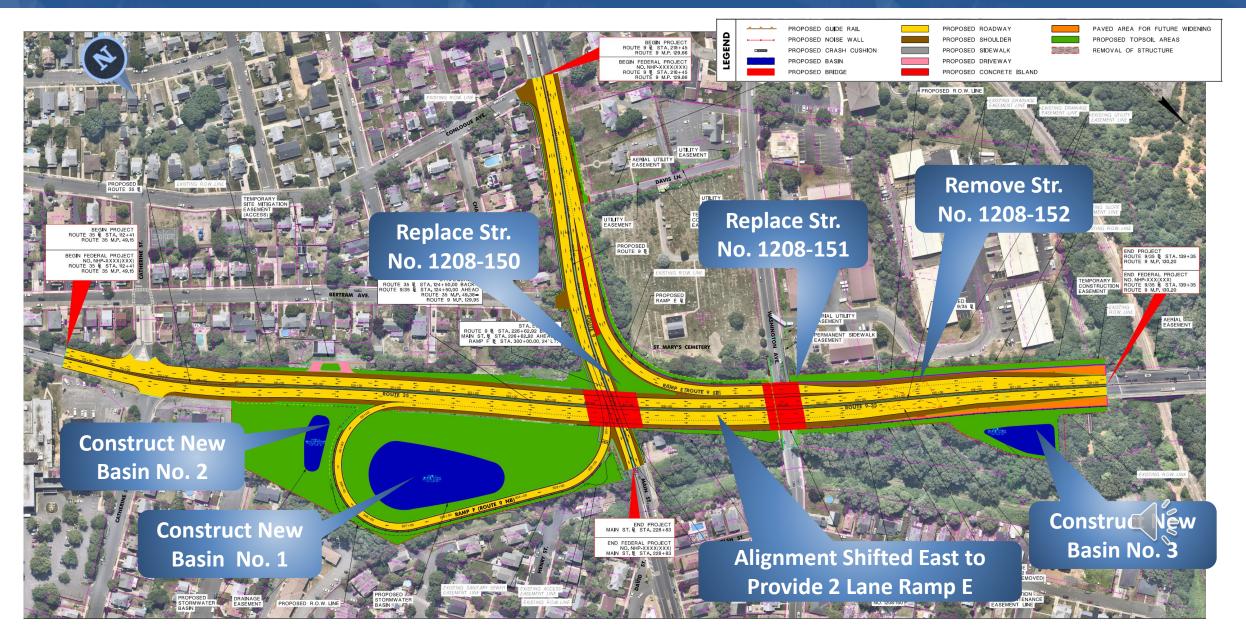
#### Required NJDEP Permits

- NJDEP Individual Flood Hazard Area Permit
- NJDEP General Freshwater Wetland Permit



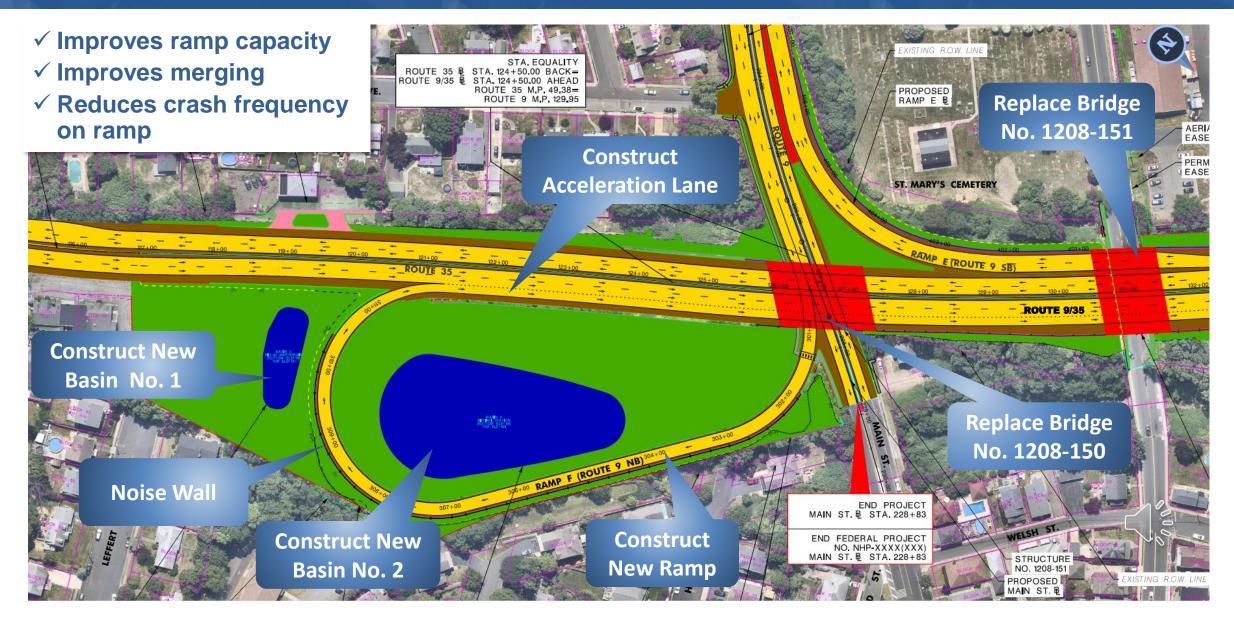
### Preliminary Engineering Design - Project Overview





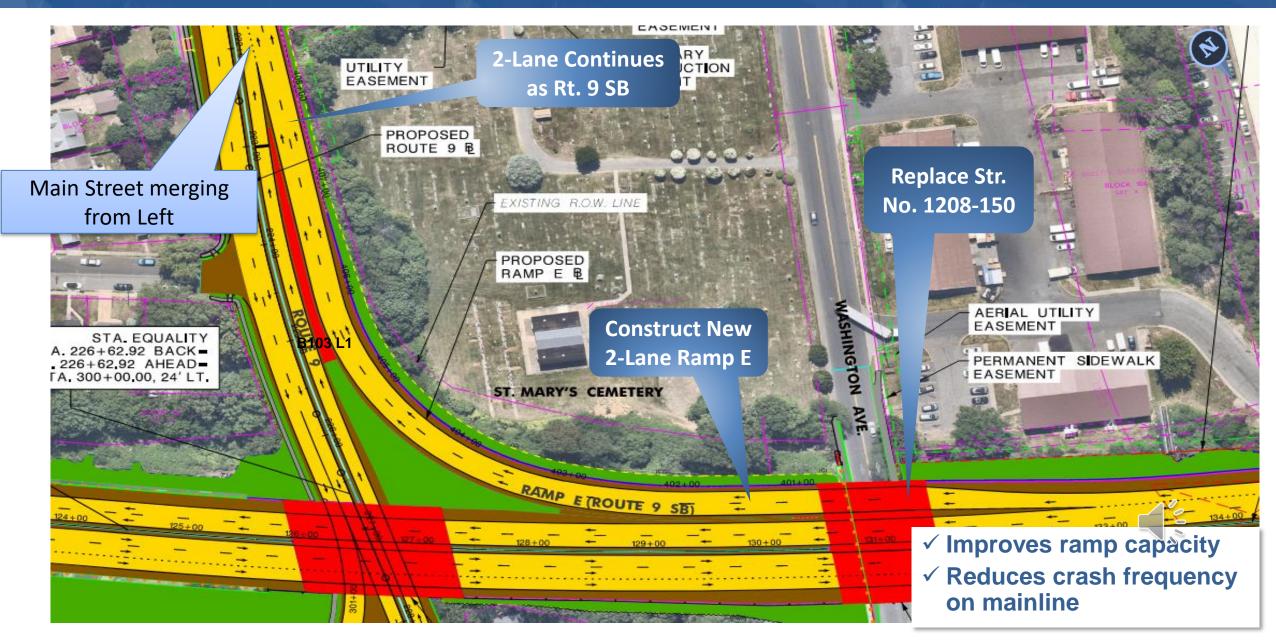
### Northbound Ramp/ Loop Ramp / Ramp F





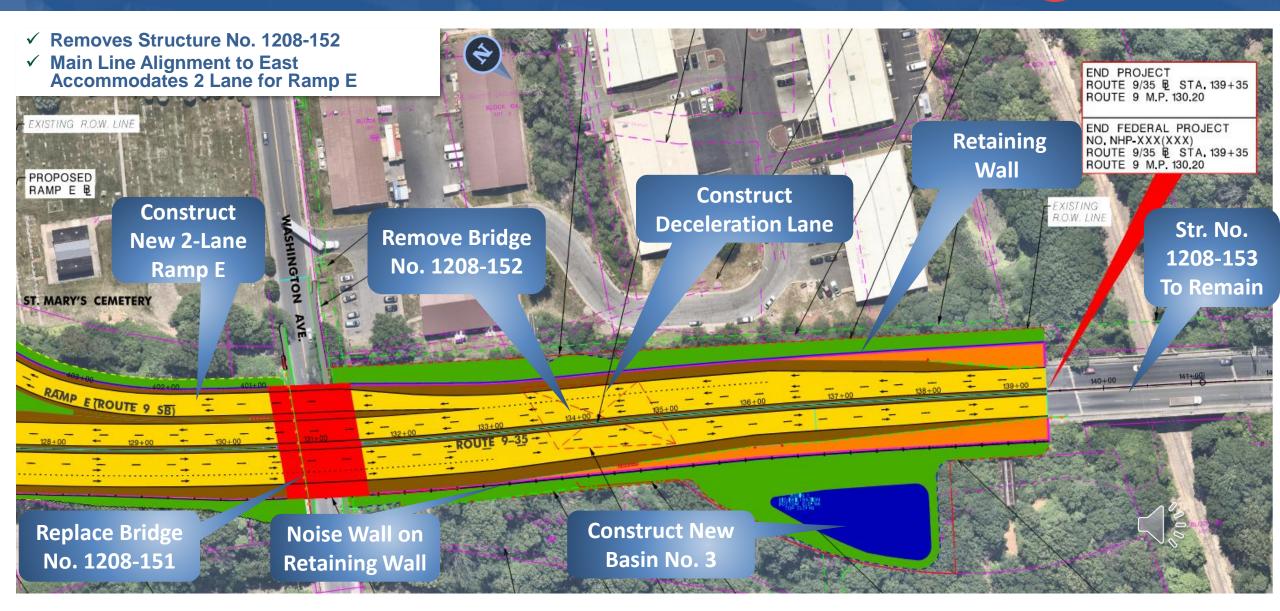
# Southbound Ramp / Ramp E





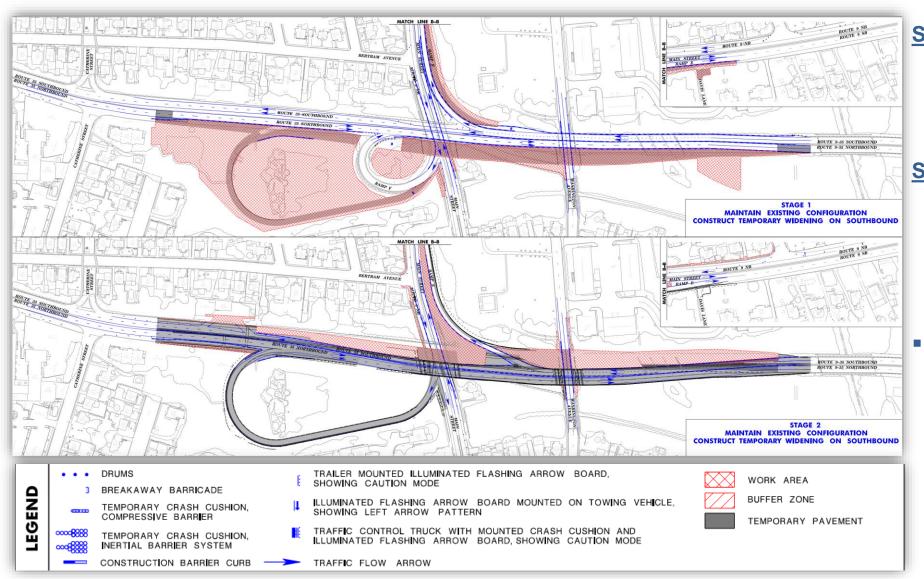
### Northern Limit of Project





### **Construction Staging**





#### STAGE 1

- Shift Mainline Traffic to the West side.
- Construct Mainline widening on East side

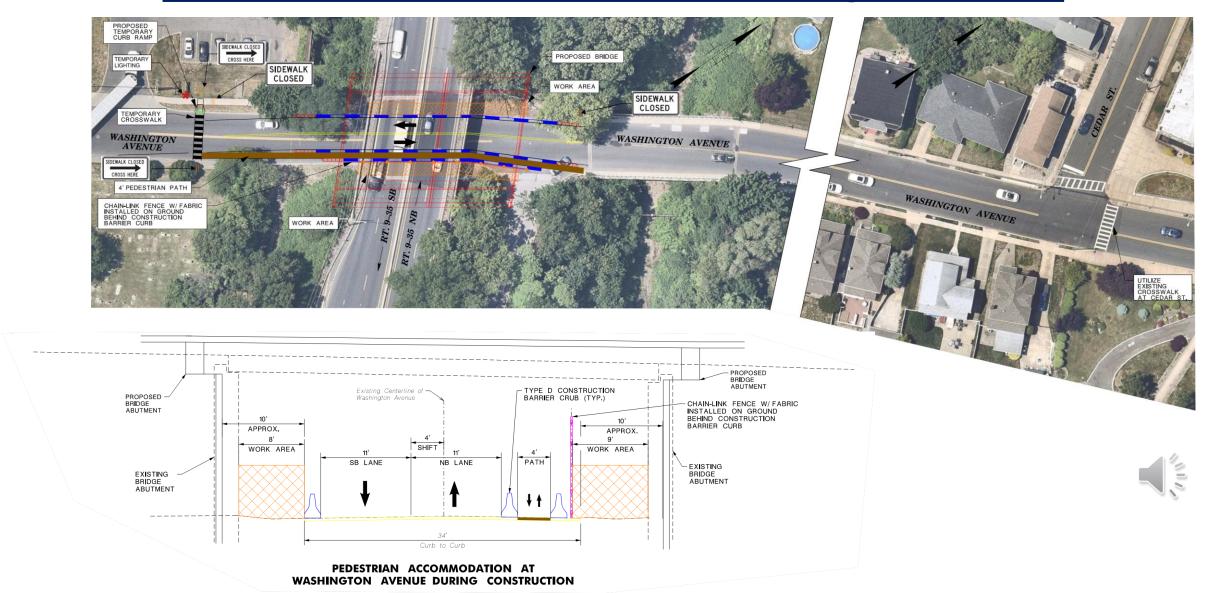
#### STAGE 2

- Shift Mainline Traffic to newly constructed east half.
- Construct Mainline widening on West side.
- The proposed shifted Mainline alignment allows for maximum offline construction and the Bridge replacements can be completed in 2 stages.

### Pedestrian Facilities During Construction



### Pedestrian Accommodation at Washington Avenue



### Project Schedule



### **Estimated Project Schedule**

Construction is expected to commence in July 2027, with a 33-month construction duration.

| Milestone             | Date       |  |
|-----------------------|------------|--|
| Final Design Complete | May 2027   |  |
| Construction Begins   | July 2027  |  |
| Construction End      | March 2030 |  |



# Project Delivery Process



| Concept Development   | Preliminary Engineering Project Progress  | Final Design / Right of Way Acquisition  | Construction   |
|---|---|--|--|
| Purpose and Need Statement  Data Collection and Environmental Screening Report  Selection of Preliminary Preferred Alternative  NEPA Classification Concept Development Report  Create Design Communications Report | Approved Design Exception Report  Cost Estimates (Final Design ROW and Construction)  Approved Environmental Document  Approved Project Plan  Preliminary Engineering Report  Update Design Communications Report | Construction Contract Document and PS&E Package Environmental Reevaluations Environmental Permits Acquisition of ROW Update Design Communications Report | Completed Construction  As-Builts  Update and Finalize the Design Communications Report  Close-Out Documentation |

### QUESTIONS / COMMENTS / SUGGESTIONS

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