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Public Meetings Scheduled for June 22 & 23

BUILDING BRIDGES, BUILDING CONSENSUS

You're Invited to an Open House!

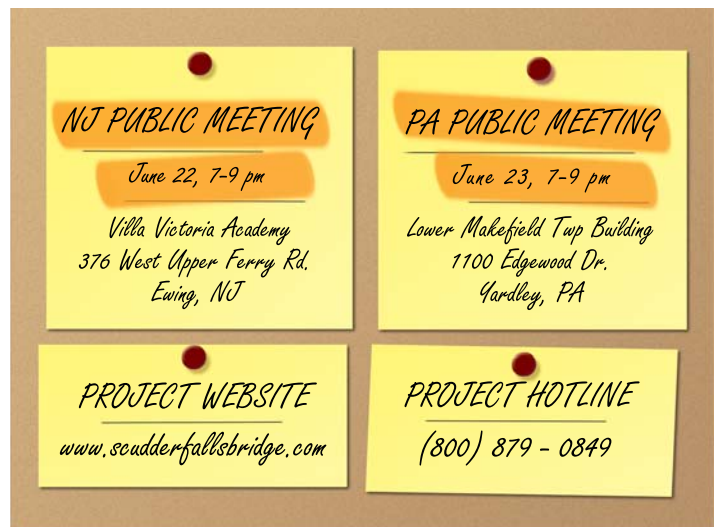
Public meetings will be held on June 22, 7 - 9 p.m., in Ewing Township and on June 23, 7 - 9 p.m., in Lower Makefield Township (see Bulletin Board for locations). The project team will share information on the current conditions and draft improvement concepts, and we want your feedback. Over the last year, the project team has been documenting current and future traffic conditions, as well as environmental and socio-economic conditions. The project team also has sketched several draft improvement concepts that would meet the project's purpose and needs. For your convenience, the project team will present information in an "open house" format with display boards on multiple topics. This format will allow you to come to the meeting at any time to review information and ask one-on-one questions on topics of your interest. We look forward to your participation.

Project Team Meets with Local Townships

During February and March, the project team met with Lower Makefield and Ewing Township officials, residents, and other stakeholders to provide a project status briefing. At each of the meetings, the project team gave a PowerPoint presentation, followed with a question and answer session. If you missed either meeting, you may view the PowerPoint presentation at www.scudderfallsbridge.com/scudderfallspresentation_files/frame.htm. Listed below are common issues that residents from both townships raised. The project team has already responded to these issues on the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page of the website www.scudderfallsbridge.com/faqs.htm.

- Acquisition of additional right-of-way
- Noise studies and noise abatement
- Selection of the Preferred Alternative
- Influence on local traffic and interchanges
- Pedestrian and bicycle access
- Effect of new PA Turnpike/I-95 Interchange

BULLETIN BOARD

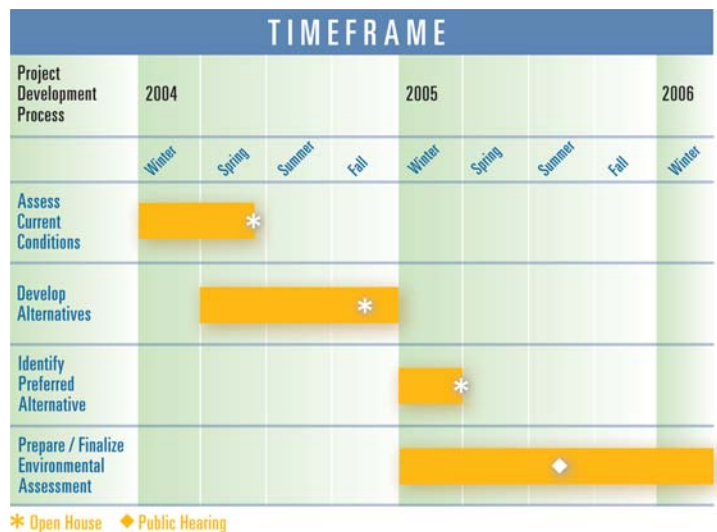


NJ PUBLIC MEETING
June 22, 7-9 pm
Villa Victoria Academy
376 West Upper Ferry Rd.
Ewing, NJ

PA PUBLIC MEETING
June 23, 7-9 pm
Lower Makefield Twp Building
1100 Edgewood Dr.
Yardley, PA

PROJECT WEBSITE
www.scudderfallsbridge.com

PROJECT HOTLINE
(800) 879 - 0849

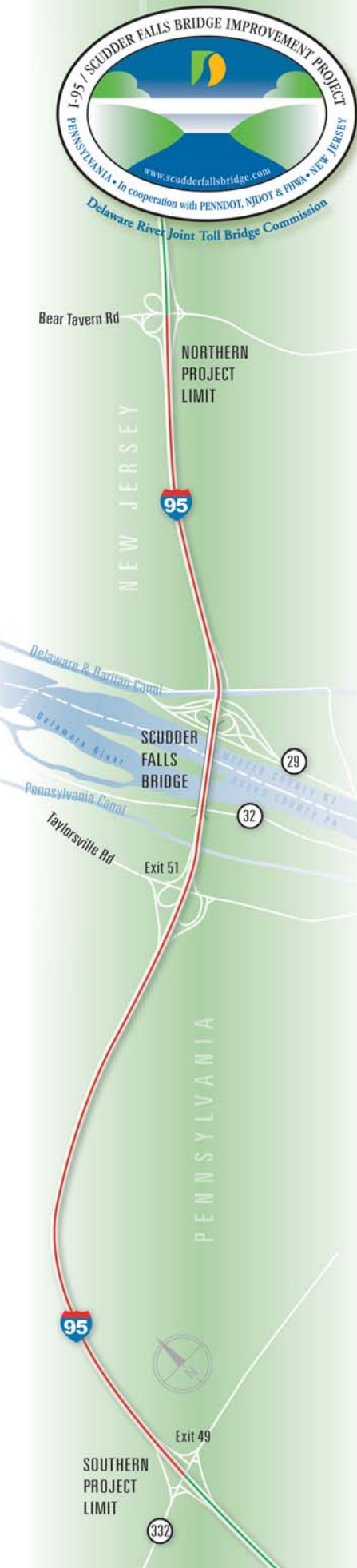


I-95/SCUDDER FALLS

BRIDGE

IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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EXISTING CONDITIONS FRAME PROJECT

The Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission is working to identify alternatives that will improve safety and ease traffic congestion on the Scudder Falls Bridge and adjacent sections of I-95 while minimizing resource impacts. An Environmental Assessment (EA) process is being conducted that will identify a Preferred Alternative.

Project Area Resources

In terms of natural resources, the locations of surface waters, such as streams, floodplains and wetlands, have been determined. Studies to determine the locations of existing spawning habitats and suitable substrates for threatened and/or endangered species have been planned and will be performed in the summer when river conditions permit. Those species include the tidewater mucket and yellow lampmussel, and the short-nose sturgeon.

Traffic noise is a concern for many residents who live near the bridge and along I-95. Existing and future planned land uses in Lower Makefield and Ewing Townships have been identified to determine noise sensitive neighborhoods and parks. Existing noise measurements have been completed and will be displayed at the June public meetings.

Cultural resources in the study area include historic structures, parks, and farms. About 40 structures are currently being evaluated for their historic significance. Other resources

are the state-owned Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park in New Jersey and the Delaware Canal State Park in Pennsylvania. There are also locally conserved farmlands along I-95 in Pennsylvania.

Future Traffic Conditions

Relieving traffic congestion is one of the primary goals of this project. Recent traffic counts show that the Scudder Falls Bridge carried 59,500 vehicles per day in 2003. The Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC), the region's metropolitan planning organization, considered future population, employment, and land development and projected that traffic on the bridge will increase by 29% to 76,500 vehicles per day by 2030. Level of Service (LOS), measured in traffic congestion and delay, is unacceptable today at LOS F on the bridge. Future traffic increases will expand the number of hours of unacceptable congestion and delay if no improvements are implemented.

As part of the EA process, a project Needs Report is being prepared to define the transportation needs within the project area. Contained within the report are descriptions of the current and future traffic and infrastructure conditions. Alternatives will be developed to satisfy the purpose and needs for the project. Draft improvement concepts will be presented as our starting point for discussion at the June public meetings.