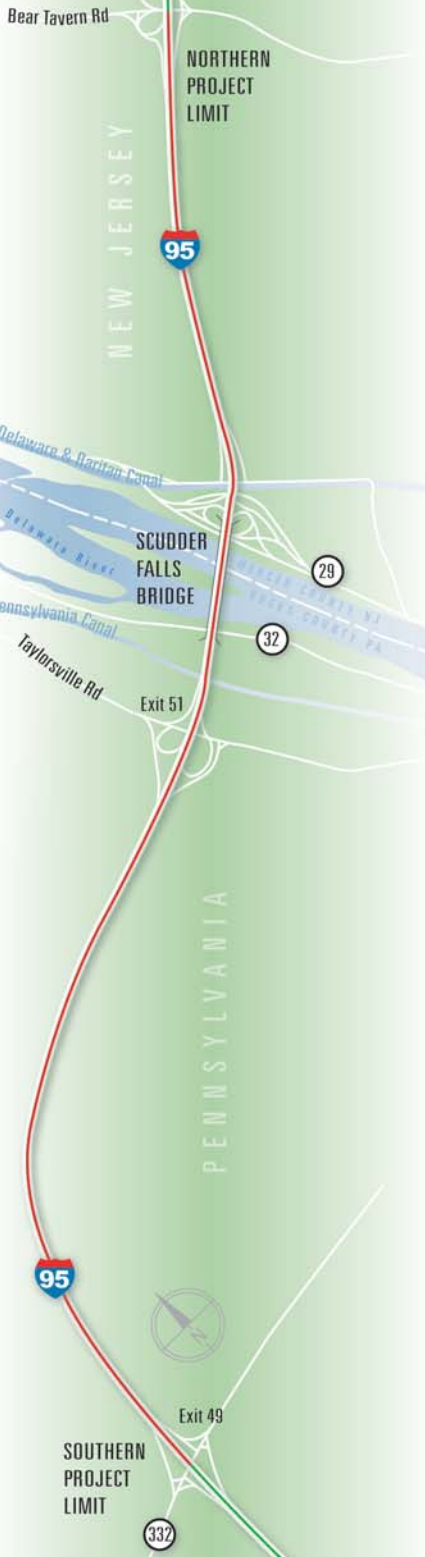




# I-95/SCUDDER FALLS BRIDGE

## IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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## OPEN HOUSES: AN EXCHANGE OF IDEAS

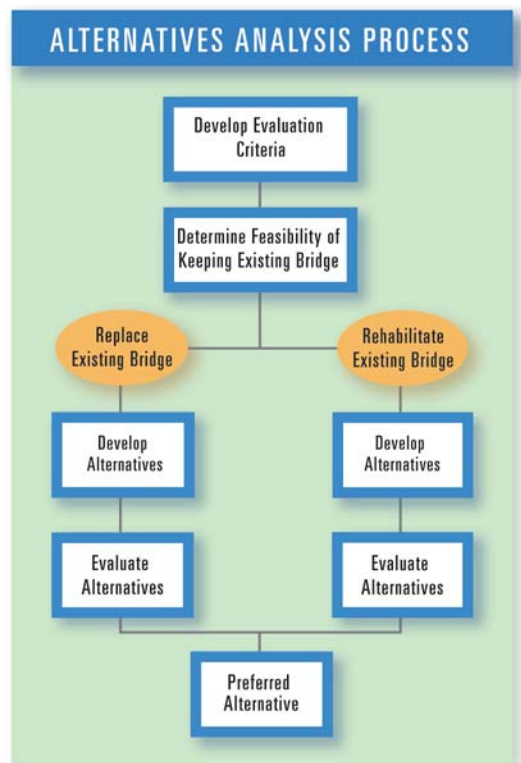
In June, approximately 150 people attended open houses in Ewing, NJ and Lower Makefield, PA to review the project's Purpose and Need, as well as field data collected on existing conditions. Project team members were available to answer one-on-one questions on the background and environmental analyses, as well as traffic forecasts. Display boards illustrated existing land uses, water resources, cultural resources, noise analyses, and traffic analyses. In addition, the project team presented the following draft improvement concepts:

- Widen the existing bridge.
- Twin existing bridge by building a new bridge north or south of the existing bridge.
- Build collector-distributor roads for local traffic on either side of the existing bridge and use the existing bridge for through traffic.
- Widen I-95 in PA from 2 to 3 lanes either toward the inside or to the outside of the existing highway.

These draft concepts are not an exhaustive list of options; rather they are a starting point for identifying alternatives aimed at creating a safer, more efficient transportation system in the project corridor. Public input is vital to the successful implementation of the I-95/Scudder Falls Improvement Project. You may review the display boards from the open houses at [www.scudderfallsbridge.com](http://www.scudderfallsbridge.com) under Current Alternatives. If you have questions, call the project hotline at (800) 879-0849.

### Alternatives Evaluation Criteria

Based on the improvement concepts and input from the public, the team will develop preliminary plans of these alternatives and then evaluate potential impacts. The team will use the "Alternatives Analysis Process" (see chart) to evaluate each alternative. The alternatives will be evaluated based upon criteria such as cost, ease of construction and impacts to communities and the natural environment. It is important to note that the alternatives will also be evaluated based upon the extent that they meet the project Purpose and Need: relieve congestion and improve safety. In January 2005, the alternatives will be presented to the public for review and comment at open houses in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.



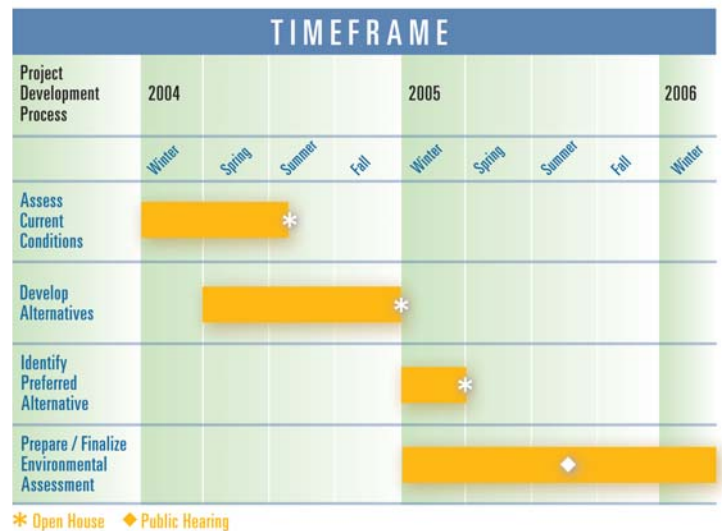
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## BUILDING BRIDGES, BUILDING CONSENSUS

### Results of Open Houses

The project team is committed to informing the public about the Improvement Project and obtaining input on alternatives. At the open houses in both Ewing and Lower Makefield most residents and officials agreed with the project's Purpose and Need: relieve congestion and improve safety along I-95, at the Taylorsville Road and Route 29 interchanges, and on the Scudder Falls Bridge. Still early in the project, a clear trend in public opinion is not expected to take shape until more detailed information becomes available through the alternatives evaluation process. For the section of I-95 in PA, more residents appear to support widening I-95 toward the inside rather than to the outside of the existing highway. At the open houses, the public inquired about the potential impacts of highway and bridge improvements on adjacent residential and commercial properties and recreational areas. These questions will be addressed once the footprints of the various alternatives are developed. The public also was interested in the results of noise measurements and the potential for noise abatement.



Esther McGinnis shows a resident noise study areas.

The project team asked the public to fill out a brief survey at the public open houses. If you would like to complete this survey it is available on the project website at [www.scudderfallsbridge.com](http://www.scudderfallsbridge.com) under the Public

Participation section of the site. You may mail the completed survey to the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission c/o KSK, 123 S. Broad St, suite 1270, Philadelphia, PA 19109. It may also be faxed to (215) 790-0215.

### BULLETIN BOARD

<p>NEXT OPEN HOUSE</p> <p>January 2005 (more info in fall newsletter)</p>	<p>LOOK FOR PROJECT INFORMATION SIGNS AT THE SCUDDER FALLS BRIDGE</p>
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