

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, MERCER COUNTY, AND  
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Public Information Center

County Route 546 Washington Crossing-Pennington Road  
Over Woolsey Brook Bridge

MP 2.42 – MP 2.65

Township of Hopewell, Mercer County

Hopewell Township Municipal Building, Courtroom

201 Washington Crossing-Pennington Road

Titusville, NJ 08560

February 16, 2010, 4:00 – 7:00 pm

The Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC), in conjunction with Mercer County and the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), is committed to developing transportation improvements that best balance transportation and safety needs, the environment, community concerns and cost. Public outreach is valuable to us in the planning and design process, and your input is essential. You are invited and encouraged to actively participate in the Public Information Center for the County Route 546 Washington Crossing-Pennington Road over Woolsey Brook Bridge project by providing your comments at the meeting and/or responding through mail or email.

**The Meeting:** The purpose of this Public Information Center is to inform the public of DVRPC's/Mercer County's proposed improvements along County Route 546 in the vicinity of Jacobs Creek Road, in the Township of Hopewell, Mercer County. The Information Center will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the Courtroom of the Hopewell Township Municipal Building. You will have an opportunity to review exhibits of the proposed project, ask questions and discuss issues with representatives from Mercer County.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but are interested in learning more about the project or require additional assistance to participate, please contact Greg Sandusky at the address and telephone number listed below.

**Existing Conditions:** County Route 546 Washington Crossing-Pennington Road is an urban minor arterial that connects US Route 1 with NJ Route 29 in Mercer County. At the project location, the existing condition of the roadway consists of one 12 foot travel lane in each direction with 8 foot wide shoulders. The roadway section is divided by Woolsey Brook, which flows perpendicular to CR546. Currently, an existing single span, concrete encased multi-stringer type bridge along CR546, built in 1923, is located directly west of the intersection between CR546 and Jacobs Creek Road. This bridge connects the CR546 roadway over Woolsey Brook. The roadway section

narrows at the existing bridge to one 12 foot travel lane in each direction with 1 foot wide shoulders.

Several sensitive properties and resources surround the project location, including Historic Resources, a Green Acres encumbered park, wetlands, streams and floodplains. Additionally, residential properties are located within the project limits.

**Project Description:** The project, currently in the planning phase, proposes to improve safety for the traveling public by replacing the deteriorating and functionally obsolete CR546 bridge over Woolsey Brook. The proposed bridge will include 12-foot wide lanes and 8-foot wide shoulders in each direction. To accommodate the wider structure, the bridge will be widened to the south to minimize impacts to the residential properties and sensitive environmental resources located north of the roadway. Care will be taken to mitigate impacts to the existing locally significant stone arch culvert along Jacobs Creek Road. The proposed improvements are anticipated to be performed while detouring traffic through regional roadway networks.

**Project Cost:** The anticipated construction cost for this project is \$2.5 million.

**Tentative Project Schedule:**

Preliminary Engineering: Fall 2010

Final Design Completed: Summer 2011

Construction schedule to be determined during the final design phase of this project.

**For Further Information Contact:**

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