The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), committed to developing transportation improvements that best balance transportation needs, the environment, community concerns and costs, in conjunction with Mercer County, will hold a Public Information Center (PIC) to provide local residents and businesses with information on the NJDOT’s Alexander Rd, Bridge over the D&R Canal, Structure No. 3000-155 Bridge Replacement and Mercer County’s Alexander St, over Stony Brook MC# 330.1 and Alexander St, over Alexander Creek MC# 331.1. You are encouraged to actively participate by providing comments at the meeting, by mail, or by e-mail.

THE MEETINGS
Two (2) Public Information Centers will be held:

1. Tuesday, September 24, 2019
   West Windsor Municipal Building
   271 Clarksville Road • West Windsor, NJ 08550
   6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

2. Wednesday, September 25, 2019
   Monument Hall • Main Meeting Room
   1 Monument Drive • Princeton, NJ 08542
   6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Please come at a date and time that is convenient for you. You will have an opportunity to review exhibits of the proposed project, ask questions and discuss any concerns with NJDOT representatives and the Contractor. Property owners with rental units are advised that tenants are also invited and encouraged to participate. Representatives from Mercer County will also be present at the meeting to discuss their project on Alexander Street.

PROJECT BACKGROUND
The structure is located on Alexander Street (Princeton) / Alexander Road (West Windsor), Milepost 1.94 on the border of West Windsor Township and the Municipality of Princeton, Mercer County. The roadway is under Municipal jurisdiction while the existing structure crossing the D&R Canal is under NJDOT jurisdiction. The existing structure was constructed in 1948 and consists of a three-span, simply supported, timber stringer type bridge carrying a timber deck overlaid with asphalt and continuous, rolled steel beams below each 6-foot wide timber sidewalk. The existing structure features one travel lane in each direction and no shoulders.

The current structure has a 20-ton gross vehicle weight restriction. NJDOT Structural Evaluation and Bridge Management unit noted the following:
• Overall Condition is poor due to condition of the substructure
• Structure and substructure is in poor condition
• Structure has inadequate deck geometry

THE PROPOSED PROJECT
The project is to replace the existing structurally deficient bridge over the D&R Canal with a single-span bridge consisting of a beam-supported concrete deck founded on reinforced concrete abutments. The outer edge of the structure and concrete wingwalls will feature a wood facade. The roadway configuration will be two (2) 12-foot lanes, two (2) 5-foot shoulders and two (2) 5-foot wide timber sidewalks with concrete curbs.

CONSTRUCTION AND DETOUR
Construction staging will be coordinated with the separate, adjacent project by Mercer County. In order to construct this and the Mercer County projects, a full detour of Alexander Road will be utilized, with the primary detour route consisting of Faculty Road, CR 571/Washington Road to US Route 1. Advanced warning signs will be posted.

Construction will use ABC (Accelerated Bridge Construction) practices. The bridge replacement will occur starting 11/6/19 when the detour/road closure begins. Substantial Completion of construction is 4/20/20. The Department's commitment to complete construction is supported with an incentive for the contractor to finish on time. Travel times for alternate routes will be provided during construction to provide useful information to motorists.

CULTURAL RESOURCES
Federal and State regulations involving cultural resources, (Section 106 and the New Jersey Register of Historic Places Act processes) have been completed. Coordination between the NJDOT, New Jersey Historic Preservation Office, and interested parties has been completed. The project is located within the Delaware and Raritan Canal Historic District, along with the associated Camden and Amboy Railroad Branch Line and Princeton Basin Historic Districts.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND PERMITTING
• No adverse hydraulic impacts on flood elevations
• Required permits/ approvals:
  o NJDEP Flood Hazard Area (FHA) Individual Permit (IP)
  o NJDEP Freshwater Wetlands GP10A Permit
  o NJDEP Water Quality Certification
  o Delaware and Raritan Canal Commission (DRCC)
  o NJ State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Approval
  o Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE) Nationwide Permit # 3

PROJECT SCHEDULE:
Start of Construction: June 2019
Estimated Start of Alexander Road Detour: November 2019
Estimated Completion: April 2020
Estimated Construction Cost: $ 4.9 Million

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