



I-95/SCUDDER FALLS BRIDGE

IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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TEAM DEVELOPS ALTERNATIVES

Since the Open Houses in June, the project team has been busy developing alternatives based on the draft improvement concepts and comments from public agencies, local communities, residents, and various stakeholder groups. The draft improvement concepts and other information displayed at these meetings may be found on the project website at www.scudderfallsbridge.com under the Public Participation web page.

Based on public input and subsequent feasibility analyses, the project team has developed several alternatives that would replace the existing bridge with one or two new bridges and improve interchanges with I-95 in the project area. Listed below are the alternatives that have been identified for the Scudder Falls Bridge.

1. Do not build improvements
2. Build a wider bridge
3. Build collector-distributor roads for local traffic on either side of the bridge and build a bridge for through traffic
4. Build a wider bridge that includes contra-flow lane(s) that would reverse to accommodate the dominant direction of traffic in peak periods
5. Build two parallel bridges
6. Build a two level bridge that would carry local traffic on one level and through traffic on the other level

Alternatives are also being prepared for improvements to I-95 interchanges at PA Route 332, Taylorsville Road, and NJ Route 29. The alternatives for I-95 from PA Route 322 to the Taylorsville Road interchange are either to widen the highway in the median or toward the outside of the existing highway to accommodate an additional travel lane

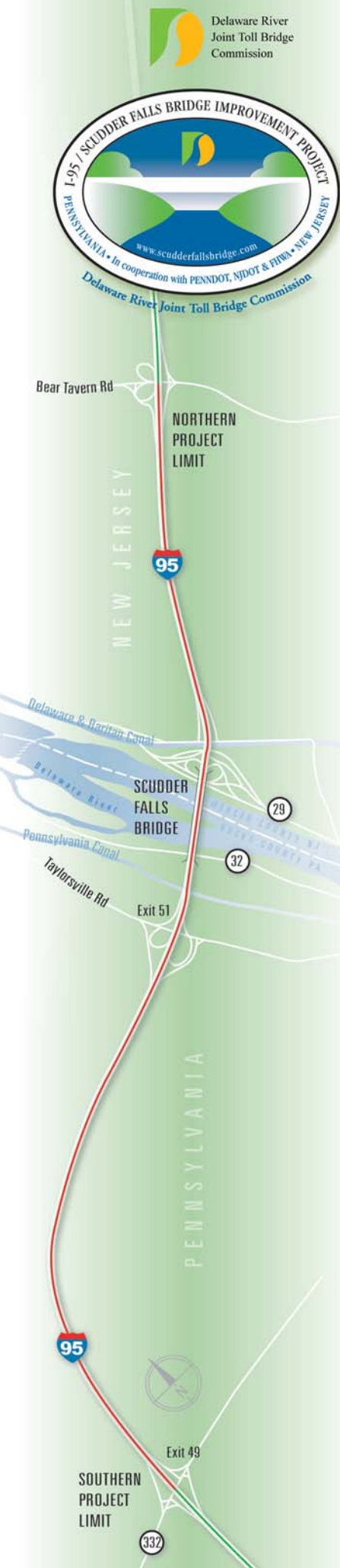
in each direction. Each alternative will provide a design that meets all current criteria for geometric, operational, and structural design. All alternatives could be built so as to maintain two lanes of traffic in each direction in peak periods during construction. As part of the alternatives analysis, the feasibility of implementing Travel Demand Management (TDM) measures including bicycle and pedestrian facilities, park-and-rides, and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) feeder routes will also be evaluated.

Evaluating Alternatives

The project team will evaluate the alternatives to determine the extent to which they meet the project purpose and need to relieve congestion and improve safety. Importantly, the alternatives will be evaluated based on a set of criteria that considers potential impacts to the following:

- Local communities
- Environmental resources
- Cultural resources
- Traffic and safety
- Construction
- Ease of constructability
- Project cost
- Regional mobility

The preliminary plans for the alternatives will be presented to the public for review and comment at Township meetings in Ewing and Lower Makefield. (see back). A second round of Open Houses will be held in the Spring 2005 to present the alternatives and their evaluation. We will announce the Open House dates in our next newsletter and on the project website. We look forward to your continued input as it is a vital component of the I-95/Scudder Falls Bridge Improvement Project! If you have any questions, please call the project hotline at (800) 879-0849.



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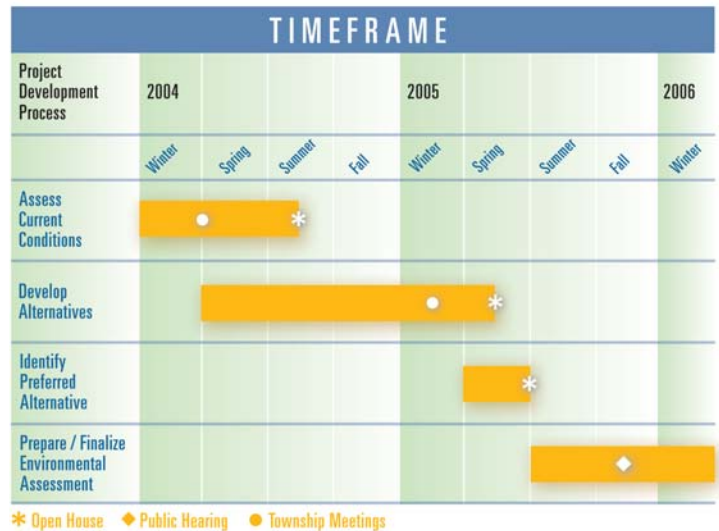
We're Listening to You!

The alternatives reflect comments from residents, businesses and commuters that we have heard at Open Houses and through surveys, e-mails, letters and telephone calls to our project hotline. As a result, the project team has developed alternatives that will successfully improve mobility and enhance safety along this portion of I-95. Early on in the Project the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission and its consultants met with representatives of various government agencies and interest groups. In early 2005 the project team will hold a Special Agency Coordination Meeting (SACM) with regulatory and resource agencies to review the environmental studies. In addition, the team will meet again with the Interagency Advisory Committee



Residents discuss developments along I-95

(IAC) that was created to inform planning agencies about the project and to provide advice to the team. Finally, the Commission and its consultants will reach out to environmental groups and business organizations for input into the alternatives.



BULLETIN BOARD

EWING TOWNSHIP MEETING

January 10, 2005 at 6:30 pm
Ewing Township Government Complex
2 Jake Garzio Drive, Ewing, NJ

LOWER MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP MEETING

Tentative Date: January 17, 2005 at 7:30 pm
Lower Makefield Township Building
1100 Edgewood Road, Yardley, PA

NEXT OPEN HOUSE

Spring 2005

Stay Tuned!

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