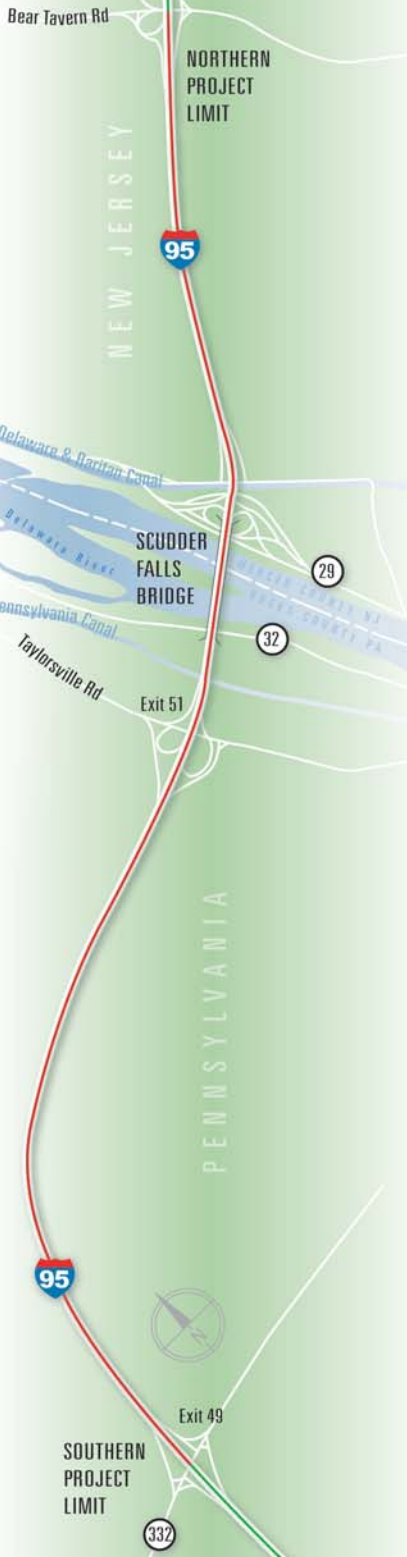




# I-95/SCUDDER FALLS BRIDGE

## IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

### U p d a t e



## ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CONCLUDES IN 2007

Over the past year, the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission and its consultant team have worked with our partners in local, state and federal agencies to refine the alternatives for the Scudder Falls Bridge and I-95 as well as the interchanges at Taylorsville Road and NJ Route 29. These improvements will reduce congestion on the bridge and approach roadways, improve safety, and address the aging of the bridge.

Meetings were held with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) about the various alternatives and options. In addition, many coordination meetings were held with state and federal environmental and cultural resource agencies to address potential environmental impacts and mitigation strategies. The team assessed the benefits and impacts of these alternatives on environmental resources and the local communities and identified options that will be considered for the preliminary Preferred Alternative.

One of the most important studies conducted during this time was an analysis of the feasibility of the Roundabout design option, Option 1c modified, for the Route 29 interchange with I-95 in New Jersey. Noise and air quality analyses were also completed and locations where noise abatement is warranted, feasible and reasonable in Pennsylvania and New Jersey resulting from the preliminary Preferred Alternative options were identified.

Finally, the bicycle and pedestrian study concluded that a bicycle and pedestrian facility could safely accommodate cyclists and walkers both on the bridge and on connecting pathways in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The Commission will decide during the final design stage of the project if the estimated cost of the facility is reasonable once the total project costs are further refined.

### Project Schedule

This spring the Commission and its consultant team will present to the public the options that are still under consideration for the preliminary Preferred Alternative at Township Meetings in Lower Makefield and Ewing. Locations where noise abatement is warranted, feasible and reasonable will be presented. The Environmental Assessment (EA) document, which provides an analysis of the potential impacts of the project, will be distributed for public review in late summer 2007. Final Open Houses and a Public Hearing to review the EA is scheduled for early fall. Final design is scheduled to begin in late 2007 and is estimated to take two years to complete.

#### LOWER MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP MEETING

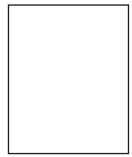
Date: Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at 7:30 pm  
Lower Makefield Township Building  
1100 Edgewood Road, Yardley, PA

#### EWING TOWNSHIP MEETING

Date: Wednesday, May 9, 2007 at 7:30 pm  
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## BUILDING BRIDGES, BUILDING CONSENSUS:

### We Want to Hear From You!

The Commission values public input into the development of projects. In 2007 there will be many opportunities for you to stay involved in the Project. This spring we will hold Township Meetings in Ewing and Lower Makefield to report on the Project status.

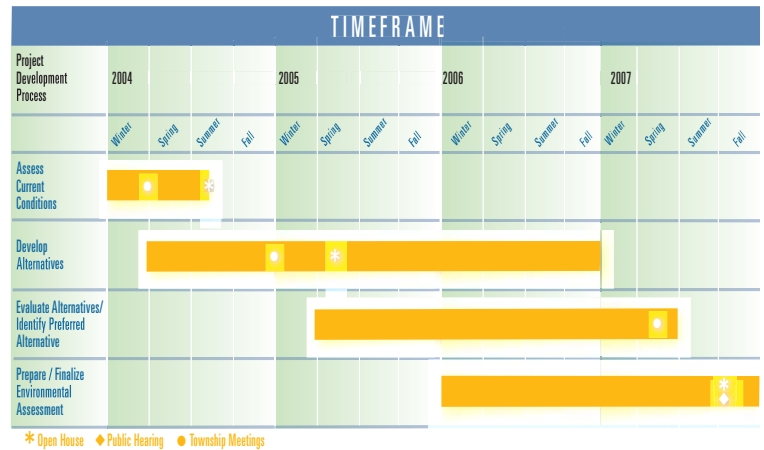
In early fall 2007 public Open Houses will be held. This is the ideal occasion to review information and proposed plans and to speak with the Commission, the consulting team and officials about the findings in the Environmental Assessment and other aspects of the Project. We look forward to hearing your opinions and answering your questions about the proposed Project.

On the same evenings as the Open Houses, we will hold a Public Hearing. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to formally present the findings in the EA document and to collect testimony from the public and agencies about the environmental document. The Environmental Assessment will be available for review at several locations in the region prior to the Open Houses/Public Hearing. As the details of the Open Houses and Public Hearing are finalized, new information will be available on the website at [www.scudderfallsbridge.com](http://www.scudderfallsbridge.com) and published in a future newsletter.

Throughout this process, if you have questions, please call the project hotline at (800) 879-0849.

### Agencies and Municipalities

On March 20th we held a Special Agency Coordination Meeting (SACM) with regulatory agencies to discuss environmental and cultural resource issues related to the Project. We also met with our Interagency Advisory Committee (IAC) that was created to inform planning and transportation agencies and municipal officials about the Project. These meetings continue to be important way for the Commission to inform stakeholders about the project progress.



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