



COUNTY OF BERGEN
Local Concept Development Study for
East Anderson Street/Cedar Lane Bridge over the Hackensack River
City of Hackensack and Township of Teaneck, New Jersey



PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTER MEETING NO. 2
SUMMARY REPORT
City of Hackensack – Afternoon Session

DATE: Monday, September 23, 2019
TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
LOCATION: 1st floor Multi-purpose Room
1 Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack, NJ
ATTENDEES: Sign-In Sheets (*available upon request*)

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of the Public Information Center meetings is to inform the public of the Purpose and Need Statement and to solicit public input and comment on the conceptual alternatives and Preliminary Preferred Alternative (PPA) for bridge improvements. These meeting sessions were being conducted in conformance with Federal and State regulations.

MEETING SUMMARY

1. A total of ten (10) individuals signed in at the Public Information Center (PIC) meeting in the City of Hackensack from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Twelve (12) project team members were in attendance.
2. The meeting was designed as an open house format with display boards to provide project information for viewing by the general public and to provide reference in addressing any questions from the public.
3. Two handouts were available at the sign-in table: (1) PIC Project Information handout and (2) blank PIC Comment Form, which were distributed to the general public upon sign-in to the meeting (*handouts attached*). The PIC Comment Form could be completed to hand in at the meeting or could be faxed, emailed or mailed to County of Bergen Project Manager Christopher Helms.
4. Project Team members were present at each of the display board areas to share information and answer questions. The project display boards available at the meeting to provide information during the open house included:
 - Aerial map of project study area;
 - Conceptual alternative renderings of Alternatives including Preliminary Preferred Alternative;
 - Comparison of Alternatives Analysis Matrix; and
 - Environmental screening map.
5. A screen presentation area was available with seating for viewing the PowerPoint presentation, which was presented at 2:30 p.m. The slide images continued to be displayed during the remainder of the open house for viewing.
6. The brief presentation began by welcoming attendees on behalf of Bergen County and the City of Hackensack. After introductions from the Project Team members, a brief presentation using power





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point slides was conducted. The presentation slides will be available on the project web site: www.eastandersonbridge.com under Community Involvement.

7. Marty Wade, Project Manager from Michael Baker International, provided an overview of the project and progress made to date.
 - (a) The Local Concept Development Study phase is anticipated to be completed by Spring 2020. Subsequent Preliminary Engineering and Final Design phases are also anticipated to be approximately 18-24 months each with the construction phase an estimated 24 months weather permitting.
 - (b) It is in this LCD Study phase is when Bergen County, working with the Federal and State agencies, will make the determination of what improvements are to be advanced through later phases.
 - (c) The East Anderson Street Bridge is an important part of the local and regional transportation system between Hackensack and Teaneck communities and this meeting is the opportunity for the public to comment on the presented conceptual alternatives with possible improvements and to provide input on any other suggestions for approach roadway intersection improvements on each side of the bridge.
8. Marty Wade presented information using PowerPoint presentation slides to provide the project status, review the existing bridge condition, present the Purpose and Need Statement, and Joe Romano, Michael Baker Project Manager, provided overview information on each of the conceptual alternatives and the completed Comparison of Alternatives Matrix that indicated Alternative 5 as the Preliminary Preferred Alternative (PPA). The Public Meeting No. 2 PowerPoint presentation available on the project web site: www.eastandersonbridge.com (under *Community Involvement* and under *Resources*).
9. Below are the questions and comments shared by attendees during the Q&A at the end of the brief presentation, noted by Project Team members as follows:

Question #1: How do the Feds view the bridge study?

Response #1: The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will review the comments received at the community outreach meetings and the final Concept Development Report that includes the engineering data and environmental screening information and the project information presented at the public meeting.

Question #2: Are buses going over the bridge?

Response #2: Once the bridge is replaced, buses will travel over. Presently, due to weight restrictions (*bridge is load posted*), buses are limited from using the bridge.

Question/Comment #3: Who owns under the bridge? Interested in developing a path connection on the Teaneck side along the river.

Response #3: As a County bridge, the jurisdiction below would also be the County. Please submit written comments to describe potential use of the path. During the next preliminary engineering phase, the team can see what may be feasible depending on the under clearance and safety concerns.

Question #4: Will there be lighting?

Response #4: Yes, there will be lighting on the bridge and the type of lighting will be determined later during the final design phase of the project.





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Question #5: Is there control of the river?

Response #5: Yes, the hydrology of the river is examined as part of the engineering studies including the tidal effect.

10. Martine Culbertson, Community Involvement Facilitator, provided an overview of the community outreach meetings and next steps as also indicated on the Project Information Handout.
 - Attendees were encouraged to complete the PIC Comment Form to provide input on the information presented at the public meeting on the conceptual alternatives and Preliminary Preferred Alternative (PPA).
 - Project Team members will be at the display area stations and are available to ask questions and for discussions until 4:00 p.m.
 - After the 30-day comment period has ended, the Project Team will ask for a resolution of support for the Preliminary Preferred Alternative (PPA) from each of the municipalities and from Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders.
11. At close of the presentation, Chris Helms, Bergen County Project Manager, thanked attendees for their time and input. He noted that the information presented at the meeting would be posted to the project web site.
12. Attendees were encouraged to take copies of the handouts to share information with others. The 30-day comment period for this public meeting ends as of Friday, October 25, 2019. Comments will be accepted at any time during this LCD Study phase; however this standard time frame is utilized to allow the Project Team to reasonably advance the project.
13. Attendees expressed appreciation for the opportunity to view and discuss proposed bridge and intersection improvements for the East Anderson Street/Cedar Lane Bridge. The PIC open house adjourned at 4:00 p.m.
14. One (1) completed PIC Comment Form was received at the meeting (2-4 p.m.).

Additional Notes:

15. During the 30-day public meeting comment period, a total of four (4) submitted written comments were received via email or the project web site, which ended on Friday, October 25, 2019. The PIC Comments received are in a separate file on the project web site with the personal contact information marked out (redacted). The PIC Meeting Summary Reports and PIC Comments Received files are posted on the project web site under the Community Involvement section.
16. Please note that any responses to PIC comments are reflected in the Frequently Asked Questions on the project website (www.eastandersonbridge.com). The input from the comments received at the meeting and via email provided information on the PPA proposed bridge improvements, approach roadway intersections or proposed temporary traffic detour plans.

We believe the foregoing to be an accurate summary of discussions and related decisions. We would appreciate notification of exceptions or corrections to the meeting summary within three (3) working days of receipt. Without notification, this meeting summary will be considered to be record of fact.

East Anderson Street/Cedar Lane Bridge LCD Study Project Team

