



## Virtual Public Information Center

July 15 – July 29, 2022

Garden State Parkway Interchange 83 Improvements  
Toms River Township, Ocean County

The Ocean County Engineer’s Office in partnership with the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) and the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) are advancing a Local Preliminary Engineering (LPE) Study to add a southbound exit to Interchange 83 from the Garden State Parkway (GSP) in Toms River Township. Ocean County is committed to developing transportation improvements that best balance transportation needs, the environment, community concerns and costs. The County will hold a Virtual Public Information Center (PIC) to provide local residents and businesses with information on the **Garden State Parkway Interchange 83 Improvements** project. You are encouraged to actively participate by providing comments by mail or e-mail.

### THE MEETING

The Public Information Center will be held virtually. Please visit the following website at a time that is convenient for you between July 15 and July 29, 2022:

[www.GSPInt83PIC.com](http://www.GSPInt83PIC.com)

The purpose of the presentation is to provide information about the proposed interchange improvements. You will have an opportunity to review the presentation, exhibits of the draft plans, submit questions, and leave feedback. Property owners with rental units are advised that tenants are also invited and encouraged to participate. If you are unable to view the presentation but are interested in learning about this project, please contact us at the telephone number or email address listed below.

### BACKGROUND

Interchange 83 provides access to and from the GSP NB and to GSP SB, but there is no exit from GSP SB at the interchange. Drivers must exit at either Interchange 82 or 89 to access the northern sections of Toms River which exacerbates congestion along the other north-south routes (Route 9, Hooper Avenue, Brick Boulevard, Old Freehold Road, Whitesville Road, Bay Avenue).

### THE PROPOSED PROJECT

A new exit ramp from the GSP SB will be constructed at Interchange 83. The ramp will begin at the existing Interchange 83 toll plaza and terminate at a new signalized “T” intersection at CR 571. In order to accommodate the additional traffic and to improve the operations of the intersection of US 9 and CR 571, improvements to the

intersection are proposed. CR 571 will be widened east of the intersection to provide two through lanes in each direction and opposing dual left turn lanes. West of the intersection, CR 571 will be restriped to provide the two through lanes in each direction and one left turn lane.

US Route 9 will be restriped to prohibit the left turns from US 9 northbound to CR 571 westbound. The left turn movement will be relocated to Lomell Lane. The existing median will be reconstructed and relocated to accommodate the proposed improvements. A dedicated right turn lane will be provided from US 9 southbound to CR 571 westbound.

Striping revisions and minor widening are proposed at the gore of US 9 southbound entrance ramp to the GSP southbound to reduce weaving and provide improved lane utilization. Striping modifications and minor roadway widening will also be required on Lomell Lane to accommodate the additional traffic volumes. Traffic signal timing adjustments will be required at the intersections of NJ 166 and Lomell Lane, Lomell Lane and the GSP northbound ramps, Lomell Lane and CR 571, and CR 571 and Green Drive.

In addition to the proposed exit ramp, the improvements on the Garden State Parkway will include extension of the existing barrier that separates the satellite toll plaza and the express EZ-Pass lanes. The barrier will be extended to preclude drivers from the express EZ-Pass lanes from using the exit ramp. The existing noise wall will be extended. Roadway lighting and ITS facilities will require relocation.

All intersections will be improved to ensure that they are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Pedestrian curb ramps and pedestrian push buttons will be added as required.

### PROJECT SCHEDULE (contingent upon funding)

*Complete Preliminary Engineering:* Fall 2022  
*Final Design Completed:* 2024  
*Begin Construction:* 2025

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