



Bridge Street Bridge Essex County & Hudson County Local Preliminary Engineering Phase



FACT SHEET



Project Background

The Bridge Street Bridge over the Passaic River is an important transportation connection for residents and commuters who travel to and from Newark’s downtown from Essex and Hudson counties. The bridge is over 100 years old and has structural and functional limitations that don’t meet today’s design standards. Therefore, the counties of Essex and Hudson, in coordination with the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) and New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), are conducting a study of the existing bridge to improve its structural deficiencies.



The bridge improvement project is currently in the local preliminary engineering (PE) phase, which is the second step of the project. The PE phase involves performing engineering tasks and technical environmental studies. The purpose of this phase is to further advance the preferred preliminary alternative (PPA) that was determined in the previous phase and to secure an environmental document.



Project Goals and Objectives

- Provide bicycle compatibility and connectivity.
- Provide Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant pedestrian facilities and crossings as well as connectivity to the approach roadways.
- Correct the controlling substandard design elements.
- Modernize bridge mechanical and electrical components to meet current standards.
- Maintain traffic operations and volume with minimum disruption and delay during construction.

★ **Local Preliminary Engineering Phase**
Expected timeframe: 2023–2024

● **Local Concept Development Phase**
Completed in 2020

● **Final Design Phase**
Expected to begin in 2025

● **Construction Phase**
Expected to begin in 2027



Preliminary Engineering Phase Schedule

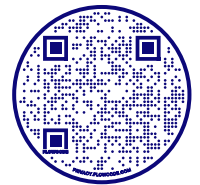
- Initiation of Preliminary Engineering Phase: Winter 2023
- Submission of Design Exception Report: Winter 2024
- Submission of Environmental Document: Winter 2024
- Develop Final Design Scope Statement: Spring 2024
- Submission of Preliminary Engineering Report: Summer 2024
- Continue Public Involvement Meetings and Efforts: Ongoing



How to Get Involved

The project team encourages participation from local officials, community stakeholders, agency representatives, and the general public. Your involvement ensures that the project reflects the people it serves.

- Stay up to date with the latest developments and submit questions and comments to the project team of the Bridge Street Bridge project by scanning the QR code and visiting the project's website at **www.bridgestreetbridge.com**.
- Attend a public meeting to ask questions, voice opinions, and learn more about the project. The anticipated schedule for meetings during the PE phase are as follows:
 - Public Meeting in the City of Harrison: Fall 2024
 - Public Meeting in the City of Newark: Fall 2024



More information about the public meetings will be added to the website closer to the meeting dates.



What to Expect During Construction

- The bridge is expected to be closed to all users for approximately 24 months.
- Detours for vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic will be posted.

