



Public Information Center

Route 1, Bridge over Forrestal Road

Plainsboro, Middlesex County

January 28, 2026

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) is committed to developing transportation improvements that best balance safety, transportation needs, the environment, community concerns, and cost. NJDOT will hold a **Public Information Center (PIC)** to inform residents, officials, and the community about the Preliminary Project Plan for the Route 1, Bridge over Forrestal Road Replacement project. You are encouraged to participate by providing comments at the meeting, by mail, or e-mail.

THE MEETING

The PIC meeting will be held at the **Plainsboro Municipal Court Room, 641 Plainsboro Rd, Plainsboro, NJ on Wednesday, Jan 28, 2026 from 5-7PM**. You will have an opportunity to review exhibits of the project plan, ask questions, and share information with NJDOT staff members. Property owners of rental units are advised that tenants are also invited and encouraged to participate.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this project is to replace the bridge, which carries Route 1 over Forrestal Road in the Plainsboro, Middlesex County. The existing bridge was originally constructed in 1932. The concrete deck and substructure supporting the bridge are in poor condition. It also has insufficient vertical underclearance and is too narrow to meet modern design standards for today's vehicles and traffic needs.

The roadway width is 46 feet curb-to-curb, featuring one 12-foot travel lane in each direction, a 12-foot center two-way left turn lane, and bicycle lanes in both directions—northbound across the structure and southbound starting with a dashed taper at the bridge. The shoulder/bicycle lane width varies from 0 to 5 feet, with approximately 10-foot-wide sidewalks on each side of the structure.

THE PROJECT

This project consists of a full-scope replacement and widening of the existing bridge to include the required number of lanes, roadway shoulders, and sidewalks that will accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists on the bridge. The bridge profile will be raised to provide additional vertical clearance over Forrestal Road below. Forrestal Road in the vicinity of the structure will be widened to accommodate revised roadway widths and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant sidewalks beneath the bridge.

The new bridge will span 55 feet and maintain a height of 15 feet over Forrestal Road to ensure safe vehicle passage. It will feature three traffic lanes in each direction, an 11-foot shoulder northbound, a 10-foot shoulder southbound, a 3-foot left shoulder, and a 2-foot median barrier. An 8-foot-wide sidewalk will enhance pedestrian access. Overall, the bridge will be 101-feet wide from curb to curb and 123-feet wide in total,

designed to improve traffic flow and safety for everyone in the community.

The project will maintain a minimum of two lanes of traffic in each direction along Route 1 throughout staged construction. Forrestal Road beneath the structure will be closed to traffic throughout construction. Detours will be provided utilizing College Road to the north and Scudder's Mill/Plainsboro Road to the south to accommodate east/west Forrestal traffic and minimize impacts to travelers.

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Federal regulations pertaining to the protection of historic properties, referred to as the Section 106 process, require the NJDOT to take into account the effect of proposed projects upon historic resources listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places.

If you would like more detailed information on the Section 106 process, please reference the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's *A Citizen's Guide to Section 106 Review*, available online at:

<https://www.achp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2017-01/CitizenGuide.pdf>.

NJDOT is required to solicit public input to assist in carrying out the Section 106 process. Historic preservation organizations, historical societies, and similar groups, or individuals with information about cultural resources (archaeological or architectural) in the project area are encouraged to attend the Public Information Center.

ANTICIPATED CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

- Complete Preliminary Engineering: Summer 2026
- Start Final Design: Fall 2026
- Anticipated Construction Start: Summer 2028

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