

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION  
AND THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/DRAFT  
SECTION 4(f) EVALUATION, NOTICE OF A JANUARY 30, 2008 PUBLIC HEARING, AND PUBLIC  
NOTICE OF A U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS PERMIT APPLICATION  
FOR THE I-295/I-76/ROUTE 42 DIRECT CONNECTION PROJECT IN CAMDEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

The New Jersey Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration, in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)/Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation for the I-295/I-76/Route 42 Direct Connection Project and has applied for a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit to construct one of the build alternatives being considered in the I-295/I-76/Route 42 Direct Connection Project DEIS.

The DEIS documents the range of reasonable alternatives, including alternative alignments and ramp configurations including local road improvements that are being studied to best balance the goals of meeting the project needs while minimizing the impacts to social, cultural and natural environments.

The DEIS review is coordinated with the Section 106 consultation process. The DEIS will be available for review through Friday, February 15, 2008, at these locations during regular business hours.

Anthony P. Infanti Bellmawr Branch Library  
35 East Browning Road  
Bellmawr, NJ 08031  
Phone: (856) 931-1400  
<http://bellmawr.camden.lib.nj.us>

Gloucester City Public Library  
50 North Railroad Avenue  
Gloucester City, NJ 08030  
Phone: (856) 456-4181  
[www.gloucestercitylibrary.org](http://www.gloucestercitylibrary.org)

The DEIS is also available at the municipal buildings in Borough of Bellmawr, Borough of Mount Ephraim and Gloucester City. The DEIS has been distributed to the elected officials that represent the project area. Information about the project is available online at [www.state.nj.us/transportation/works/studies/rt295/](http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/works/studies/rt295/). A CD-ROM version of the DEIS or a hard-copy of the Executive Summary can be obtained by making a request in writing to:

New Jersey Department of Transportation  
Environmental Project Manager  
P.O. Box 600  
1035 Parkway Avenue  
Trenton, NJ 08625  
Attn: Bruce Hawkinson

The New Jersey Department of Transportation has applied for a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) and Section 10 of the River and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403), for the proposed discharge of dredged, excavated, and/or fill material into Waters of the U.S., including wetlands, to construct one of the build alternatives identified in the DEIS. A U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit will be granted unless the District Engineer determines that it would be contrary to the public interest.

A joint New Jersey Department of Transportation/Federal Highway Administration/U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Public Hearing will be held to provide interested individuals with the opportunity to testify about the effects of the proposed project, and the preferred alternative. The New Jersey Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, has identified Waters of the U.S. within the project study area, including wetlands, which are regulated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This hearing provides the opportunity to present views, opinions and information that will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in evaluating the permit application for the proposed project.

#### Public Hearing Time and Place

Date: January 30, 2008  
Time: 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
Place: Bellmawr Ballroom, 29 Lewis Avenue, Bellmawr, NJ

Snow Date: February 6, 2008 (In the event of inclement weather, contact Patricia Feliciano of NJDOT at (609) 530-2110)

At the Public Hearing, testimony may be given by the following means:

- Oral testimony transcribed by a stenographer, or
- Written testimony submitted at the hearing

Interested parties may attend the Public Hearing session but will be permitted to testify only once. Additional written comments in support of oral testimony may also be submitted.

Registration is required to give oral testimony. You may register upon arrival at the Public Hearing location on the day of the hearing. Oral testimony will be limited to three minutes or less, to ensure everyone has an opportunity to speak. A stenographer will record the entire oral testimony proceedings and produce a verbatim hearing transcript for the public record.

Written comments may also be submitted Bruce Hawkinson of NJDOT to the address provided above. Comments received in the mail prior to February 15, 2008 will be included in the public record.