

PENNS NECK AREA ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT STUDY

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), is considering a number of transportation improvements to address traffic congestion, mobility constraints and safety concerns on Route 1 and east-west cross streets in the Penns Neck area of West Windsor Township and its environs. A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) was prepared to document potential impacts that may result from the Action and No-Action Alternatives under consideration. The DEIS also documents the work undertaken to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Section 106 work identifies historic properties, assesses their eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, evaluates the impacts of each alternative under consideration on eligible or listed properties, and considers alternatives to avoid or minimize any adverse effects. A Public Hearing has been scheduled for Monday, June 30, 2003 (see details below) to present the DEIS and receive public testimony.

AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The DEIS that has been prepared for the Penns Neck Area Study assesses the Project's effect on the environment in accordance with the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966, and the FHWA Guidance for Preparing and Processing Environmental and Section 4(f) Documents. Copies of the DEIS, along with other documents relating to the study, will be available for review at the project repositories listed below on or before Monday, June 2, 2003 (call for hours). An Executive Summary of the DEIS is also available on the project website at www.pennsneckareaeis.org.

West Windsor Public Library, 333 N. Post Road, West Windsor (609) 799-0462
Plainsboro Public Library, 641 Plainsboro Road, Plainsboro (609) 275-2898
Princeton Township Clerk's Office, 369 Witherspoon Street, Princeton Township (609) 924-5176
Princeton Borough Clerk's Office, Borough Hall, 1 Monument Drive, Princeton (609) 497-7622
Rutgers University Transportation Policy Institute, 33 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick
(732) 932-6812 Ext. 593
New Jersey Department of Transportation, 1035 Parkway Avenue, Ewing (609) 530-2989

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The formal Public Hearing will include a presentation that summarizes the alternatives presented in the DEIS and reviews their associated comparative impacts. The remainder of the session will provide an opportunity for the public to provide testimony on the DEIS (see schedule below). The proceedings will be recorded by a stenographer. Both oral statements recorded at the Public Hearing and written statements received by Friday, August 1, 2003 will be made part of the official Hearing record. Copies of the DEIS and other project-related materials will be available for review throughout the day and evening sessions.

DATE: Monday, June 30, 2003

TIME: Materials Available for Review	10:00 A.M. – 11:00 P.M.
Presentation (to be followed by continuous public comment period)	11:00 A.M.
Repeat of Presentation (to be followed by continuation of public comment period)	7:00 P.M.

A videotape of the 11:00 A.M. presentation will be available for viewing throughout the Hearing for those unable to attend at 11:00 A.M. or 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: New Jersey Hospital Association Conference Center
760 Alexander Road, West Windsor, NJ

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Persons wishing to provide testimony on the DEIS for the official record will have opportunities to do so during the Public Hearing. All interested parties will be given the opportunity to express their views concerning the project. Persons may make oral statements and/or file written statements and other exhibits. Written statements submitted at the Hearing or sent to the address below and received no later than Friday, August 1, 2003 will be made part of the record. Written statements are encouraged and will be given equal weight with oral statements. All persons wishing to speak may pre-register (see information below). Requests for speaking time will be honored in the order they are received. Persons who have not pre-registered may sign up at the door to speak at the Hearing. They will be called upon to speak in the order in which they have signed up, as time slots become available. Each speaker will be allotted five (5) minutes.

If needed, the Public Hearing will continue on Tuesday, July 1, 2003 to accommodate additional speakers who could not be scheduled on June 30th due to time limitations. This session will be held at the West Windsor Township Municipal Complex, 271 Clarksville Road, West Windsor from 7:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.

For additional information concerning the project or to reserve a speaking time at the Public Hearing, please contact Andrea Lubin by phone: (732) 932-6812 ext. 593; mail: Voorhees Transportation Policy Institute, Rutgers University, 33 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901; email: cdanku@rci.rutgers.edu; or fax: (732) 932-3714.