



Virtual Public Information Center

Route 9 Taylors Mills Road Intersection Improvement Project Manalapan, Monmouth County Concept Development Date: June 30, 2025 – July 14, 2025

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) is committed to developing transportation improvements that best balance the transportation needs, the environment, community concerns, and cost. NJDOT will hold a **Virtual Public Information Center (PIC)** to inform local residents, officials, and the community about the **Concept Development Plan for the Route 9, Taylors Mills Road Intersection Improvement** project. You are encouraged to participate by providing comments through our website during the comment period or by mail or e-mail afterward.

THE MEETING

To reach as many people as possible, the Public Information Center (PIC) will be held virtually. Please visit the following website any time between **June 30 and July 14** to learn more about the project and leave comments:

www.Route9TaylorsMillsRoad.com

You will have an opportunity to review a presentation of the project, exhibits of the relevant items, submit questions, and leave feedback. Property owners of rental units are advised that tenants are also invited and encouraged to participate.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this project is to improve overall traffic operations and safety at the Route 9 and Taylors Mills Road intersection in Manalapan, Monmouth County.

Route 9 in the project area runs North/South and the existing speed limit is 55 mph. The roadway includes two through lanes in each direction with forward jughandles for right and left turn movements. Taylors Mills Road in the project area runs East/West. The existing speed limit is 35 mph on the eastbound approach and 25 mph on the westbound approach. The roadway includes one left turn only lane and one shared through/right lane with one receiving lane for both approaches.

THE PROJECT

NJDOT has identified that during peak periods traffic on the Route 9 jughandles to Taylors Mills Road back up onto Route 9; which causes significant congestion, and there is a need to improve safety for all roadway users.

The proposed plan provides a third lane in each direction on Route 9 between mileposts (MP) 116.75 and MP 117.76 in the northbound direction and MP 117.71 and MP 116.27 in the southbound direction. It adds two reverse jughandles for left and U-Turn movements from Route 9 northbound and southbound.

The existing forward jughandles will be maintained for right turn movements from Route 9 to Taylors Mills Road only. In addition, the deceleration lanes of the forward jughandles will be extended to meet current design standards. Taylors Mills Road will also be widened from two to three lanes in each direction providing an added shared lane for left turns and through movements. A shared use path is also proposed to be constructed along both sides of Route 9 for pedestrian and bicyclist use within project limits. The project will also provide a sidewalk on Taylors Mills Road. Traffic studies have concluded that the proposed project will result in significant improvements to traffic operations with notable reduction in queuing at all four approaches of the Route 9 and Taylors Mills Road intersection.

Stormwater Management (SWM) basins will also be incorporated to comply with NJDEP SWM regulations. Partial right of way takings, as well as permanent and temporary easements, are anticipated for this project. Additional project goals include promoting multimodal transportation; ADA upgrades and sidewalk connectivity; increase safety and security; improve mobility, accessibility, and reliability; minimize impacts to traffic and the local community during the construction phase; avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate potential environmental impacts; minimize right of way and utility impacts; and implement cost-effective improvement methods.

HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Federal regulations pertaining to the protection of historic properties, referred to as the Section 106 process, require the NJDOT to consider the effect of proposed projects under historic resources listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places. Information about the process is available 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 or comments may be submitted to:

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ANTICIPATED CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

- Start Preliminary Engineering: Spring 2027
- Start Final Design: Spring 2030
- Start Construction: Summer 2033
- Complete Construction: Summer 2035

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