NJTPA 2014 Local Concept Development Study Hudson & Essex Counties Clay Street Bridge over the Passaic River



Community Stakeholders Meeting





March 24, 2014



- Clay Street Bridge was built in 1908.
- Bridge is in need of major rehabilitation or replacement.
- Routine maintenance can no longer address deficiencies.
- NJTPA/Hudson & Essex County Local Concept Development (LCD) Study initiated January 2014.
- New program provides opportunity to advance this project with public input and agency collaboration.



Local Project Delivery Process

Local Concept Development	Local Preliminary Engineering	Final Design/ Right of Way Acquisition	Construction
Purpose and Need Statement	Approved Design Exception Report	Construction Contract Documents and PS&E package	Completed Construction
Date Collection and Environmental Screening Report	Cost Estimates (Final Design, ROW and Construction)	Environmental Reevaluations	As-Built
Selection of Preliminary Preferred Alternative	Approved Environmental Document	Environmental Permits	Update and Finalize Design Communications Report
NEPA Classification	Approved Project Plan	Acquisition on ROW	Close-out Documentation
Concept Development Report	Preliminary Engineering Report	Update Design Communications Report	
Create Design Communications Report	Update Design Communications Report		



Local Concept Development Process

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- Federally funded projects require NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) documentation
- Identify environmental resources and concerns
- Avoid, minimize and or mitigate environmental impacts
- Coordination with permitting agencies
- Process includes public input and community development



- Spans the Passaic River connecting the City of Newark and the Borough of East Newark
- Year Built: 1908 (rehab. 1942, 1958, 1975, 1992, & 1997)
- Bridge type: 3 spans- riveted Warren truss rim-bearing swing center span (236 ft), west approach riveted deck girder (42 ft)and east approach pre-stressed concrete box beam (41 ft)
- Overall Length: 326 feet
- Bridge Roadway Width: 36' 8"
- Bridge Clearance in closed position: 8.2 feet (at MHW)



- Bridge in serious overall condition and is Structurally Deficient – 2012 Bridge Re-evaluation Report)
- Sufficiency Rating = 33.0 (out of 100)
- Superstructure in poor condition: Rating = 3 out of 10 (localized advanced material losses to steel truss members and to girders & floor beams in swing span)
- Bridge may soon need to be load posted due to advancing deterioration of steel support members



Existing Bridge Condition (continued)

- Substructure in fair condition Rating = 5 out 10
- Bridge is Scour Critical
- Bridge railings are substandard
- Bridge operating machinery in overall fair condition but has no span lock system as required by AASHTO
- Bridge electrical system in overall fair condition with many obsolete components (ex. manually operated barrier gates)
- Bridge opening duration (10 minutes) does not meet AASHTO standards (1 minute to both open and close)
- Needs approx. **\$ 6M** in remedial repairs





Photo 1: Bridge Approach Roadway Looking East – note substandard angle point



Photo 2: Looking west from bridge – note substandard outside shoulder width





Photo 3: East approach to bridge looking west, substandard vertical curb

Photo 4: Looking east from bridge – substandard curb height on north side





Photo 5: Looking south from top of bridge

Photo 6: South Elevation





Photo 7: Looking north from bridge

Photo 8: Substandard bridge railing





Photo 9: South truss bottom chord, severe deterioration to gusset plate, heavy rust throughout connection

Photo 10: South truss gusset plate, severe rust with section loss





Photo 11: South truss connection, material loss to member angles connection plates, and lacing bars

Photo 12: North truss; section loss in angle leg of member





Photo 13: Localized rusting and material loss to top chords and diagonal truss members

Photo 14: Bottom chord of south truss –severe rusting and localized section loss





Photo 15: Severe rusting and hole in bottom flange angle leg of floor beam (FB12) of swing span

Photo 16: Floor beams in west half of swing span – corrosion and localized section losses





Photo 17: Section loss in bottom of support girder in swing span

Photo 18: Severe rusting and localized section loss of steel stringers supporting sidewalk in swing span





Photo 19: Hole in exterior girder of west approach span

Photo 20: Rusting and localized section loss in girders and floor beams of west approach span





Photo 21: East approach span and east abutment

Photo 22: East approach span superstructure (pre-stressed concrete box beam)





Photo 23: Northwest approach embankment undermining

Photo 24: Undermining of south interior girder at west abutment





Photo 25: Rim bearing assembly of swing span – fair condition with corrosion build on exposed surfaces



Photo 26: Swing span drum girders and machinery radial support beams, moderate rusting



- Draft Environmental Screening Report Status & Constraints Map (Amy S. Greene)
- Draft Cultural Resources Report & Map (Richard Grubb & Associates)



Project Status

- Work began January 2014
- Data Collection Nearly Complete
 - 1. Project Mapping & Field Survey
 - 2. Environmental Screening
 - 3. Verification of Utilities
 - 4. Obtain Bridge Inspection Reports, Traffic Data, Crash Data
 - 5. Identify Existing Substandard Design Elements
 - 6. Local Officials, Stakeholders and Public Outreach & Input
 - 7. Project Fact Sheet
 - 8. Develop Project Purpose and Need



Project Schedule

- 18 to 21 month completion schedule
- Major Milestones
 - 1. Project Purpose and Need August 2014
 - 2. Development of Conceptual Alternatives November 2014
 - 3. Determine Preliminary Preferred Alternative April 2015
 - 4. Submit Draft Concept Development Report June 2015
 - 5. Completion of Concept Development Phase October 2015



Community Involvement

- Community Involvement Schedule
 - Local Officials Briefings: Project Purpose & Need January 29, 2014 (Borough of East Newark); February 26, City of Newark
 - 2. Stakeholders Meeting No. 1: Purpose & Need March 24, 2014
 - Public Information Center Meetings (No. 1): Project Purpose & Need - April 7, 2014; 2 to 4 PM (Borough of East Newark) and 6 to 8 PM (City of Newark)
 - Stakeholders Meeting No. 2: Input on Alternatives November 2014
 - Local Officials Briefings (No. 2): Input on Alternatives & Determine Preliminary Preferred Alternative – Feb 2015



Community Involvement (continued)

- Public Information Center Meetings (No. 2): Input on Alternatives & Determine Preliminary Preferred Alternative – March/April 2 2015 (Borough of East Newark & City of Newark)
- Local Officials Briefings (No. 3): Resolution of Support for Preliminary Preferred Alternative (Borough of East Newark & City of Newark)



Local Officials Briefing (1/29/14)

Comments from Local Officials Briefing (Borough of East Newark), January 29, 2014

- Clay and Bridge Street Bridges cannot be closed at the same time severe traffic impacts
- Need better access to Clay Street for redevelopment opportunities
- Need to maintain and improve pedestrian and bicycle access and connectivity



Local Officials Briefing (2/26/14)

Comments from Local Officials Briefing (City of Newark), February 26, 2014

- Need wider bridge to improve circulation and bicycle mobility
- Consider fixed bridge if it must be replaced to improve traffic operations; there is not much marine traffic or river activity
- Need improved waterfront access
- Need bridge lighting to match with new streetscape design in area





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The Power Point Presentation will be posted on the Project Web Site

- Social Media (Twitter)
- Written comments towards Project Purpose & Need will be received until Friday, May 9, 2014



Questions & Comments

