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# **Virtual Public Information Center**

## Date: July 17<sup>th</sup> and July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 Route 168, Bridge over Route 295 and Interchange Improvements Mount Ephraim Borough, Haddon Heights Borough and Bellmawr Borough, Camden County, NJ

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), committed to developing transportation improvements that best balance transportation needs, the environment, community concerns and costs, is holding a **Public Information Center (PIC)** to provide local residents, public officials and businesses with information on the **Route 168**, **Bridge over Route 295 and Interchange Improvements** project. You are encouraged to actively participate with two options to attend:

## THE MEETING

To view the Public Information Center virtually, please visit the following website any time between July 17<sup>th</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025, to learn more about the project and leave comments:

## www.route168-I-295PIC.com

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

#### BACKGROUND

The Route 168, Bridge over Route 295 and Interchange Improvements extends from MP 27.8 to MP 28.5 on I-295 and from MP 7.23 to MP 7.61 on Route 168 in the Boroughs of Mount Ephraim, Haddon Heights, and Bellmawr, Camden County, New Jersey. The purpose of this project is to improve safety, reduce congestion, and improve operations of the Route 168/I-295 Interchange.

## THE PROPOSED PROJECT

This congested interchange operates poorly due to heavy traffic volumes both entering and exiting I-295, which conflict with heavy volumes along Route 168. I-295 is a multilane divided highway, providing three (3) northbound and three (3) southbound lanes, classified as an Urban Interstate that is part of the Strategic Highway Network. Route 168 is an urban principal arterial primarily consisting of one-lane in each direction with a Two Way Left Turn Lane throughout the project limits.

NJDOT has investigated options for improving traffic flow and safety throughout the corridor, addressing substandard features, and evaluated the impacts of the potential solutions. NJDOT proposes the following:  Convert the Route 168, I-295 Interchange to a Single Point Urban Interchange (SPUI) with a new bridge. The reduced conflict points improve safety. The shorter signal cycles improve traffic flow and capacity.

### TRAFFIC CONTROL AND STAGING

All construction within the Route 168/I-295 interchange will be done by staged construction to maintain traffic on the roadway.

## ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE

- Concept Development Completion: 2025
- Preliminary Engineering Begins: 2027
- Final Design Begins: 2029
- Construction Begins: 2032

Schedule is based on available funding.

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