



COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING

S.R. 0213, Section NCB

West Maple Avenue (PA Route 213) over Neshaminy Creek Bridge Replacement Project

**Tuesday, March 2, 2010 - 6:00 to 8:00 PM
Lower Southampton Township Building Auditorium
1500 Desire Avenue Langhorne, PA**

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is in the process of completing environmental documentation and preliminary engineering design of the replacement of Pennsylvania Route 213 (West Maple Avenue) bridge over Neshaminy Creek. The bridge is located at the border of Middletown Township and Lower Southampton Township in Bucks County and adjacent to Playwicki Park, which is part of the Bucks County Parks system (see attached map). The existing structure is a reinforced concrete open arch bridge that consists of three, 71'-3" spans. The structure carries two 11' wide lanes with minimal width shoulders. The current Average Daily Traffic (ADT) is over 11,000 vehicles per day. The affected structure has reached the end of its useful life and is in need of replacement before further deterioration adversely affects traffic flow across this important state route.

The new structure will be constructed on the same alignment as the existing bridge. Modification to the vertical profile, if any, and bridge length will be dependent upon the hydrologic and hydraulic studies as the region is prone to flooding. Bridge width for the new structure is anticipated to be two 12' lanes with a 2' wide shoulder on the westbound side and a 5' shoulder on the eastbound side. The 5' shoulder is being provided to provide space for pedestrian access across the bridge to the nearby Playwicki Park and to provide space for a sidewalk in the future.

The bridge replacement will require closure of the roadway and the use of a full detour using state routes (see attached map). The anticipated detour route will use Bristol Road, Brownsville Road and Old Lincoln Highway. Traffic signal timing at the existing signals along the detour route will be adjusted to account for the additional traffic during construction. The need for a temporary traffic signal at the intersection of Brownsville Road and Old Lincoln Highway is being evaluated. Local access to businesses, residences and Playwicki Park on either side of the bridge will be maintained during construction.

Presently, construction is anticipated to start in the spring of 2012, and last approximately 1 to 1.5 years.

Representatives from PennDOT and our consultant designer will be available to answer questions about the project, its anticipated construction schedule, and impacts commuters can expect during construction. We welcome your attendance at this meeting and thank you for your participation in this important transportation improvement project.

For any comments or questions please contact:

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