

Griggstown Chapel PIC

Hello everyone, this presentation is for the public Information Centre for Chapel Dr. and Griggstown Causeway bridges over Delaware and Raritan Canal, also referred to the D&R canal. This is a project by NJDOT with design by Naik Consulting Group and Dewberry.

For the agenda for this presentation, we will start with the replacement of the chapel drive bridge, including the project background, plan overview, and staging plans.

Then we will discuss the Griggstown Causeway Bridge replacement with the project background, plan overview and detour plans, and we will also discuss historical protection information.

For Chapel Drive Project background:

Chapel drive is located within the Delaware and Raritan Canal Historic District, which includes Bridgetender's shelter site, Zarephath bridge and Bridgetender's house site. The purpose and need is to replace this bridge because the structure is considered structurally deficient. Construction is scheduled to begin in May of 2026 with substantial completion in January of 2027.

This is the layout of the final product of the Chapel Drive Bridge Replacement.

The construction will be done in two stages. Stage one will focus on reconstruction and replacement of the north side of the bridge. During this time the bridge will operate with one lane in two-way operation. Flaggers will be provided when necessary by either the NJDOT contractor or the Pillar of Fire Church.

Access to the D&R Canal Towpath trail will be maintained during construction. When necessary, the pass through will be provided through the construction zone for that path.

Stage 2 will be similar to the first stage, except this will be on the South side of the bridge. Once again, a pass through for the D&R Canal Towpath Trail will be provided when necessary.

For Griggstown Causeway Project Background:

Griggstown Causeway Bridge is also located within the Delaware and Raritan Canal Historic District, which includes Bridgetenders house, Bridgetenders station, Simonson creek culvert, millhand barracks, Fairweather house, griggstown mill complex, griggstown general store, freight house site, basin site, Edgar dwelling site, Hoagland dwelling site, and blacksmith wheelwright shop.

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Here is a layout of the final product of the Griggstown Causeway Bridge replacement.

Construction of the Griggstown Causeway Bridge will require complete Road closure and to accommodate this, two detours are provided. A detour along Canal Rd. To Black Mills Road and Millstone River Road down to State Route 206 to Washington Street, then to Canal Road.

Both these projects are located in historical districts, so all state and federal regulations pertaining to the protection of those properties will be complied with.

If you'd like any additional information, please reference the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation as Citizen's Guide or contact John Mikusa from NJDOT, at JohnP.Mikusa@dot.nj.gov.

This concludes the virtual Public Information Center.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Patience Sengbey from NJDOT Office of Government and Community Relations at Patience.Sengbey@DOT.nj.gov or Lakshan Wickramarachchi from Naik Consulting Group at lakshanw@naikgroup.com.