



Virtual Public Information Center

Chapel Drive & Griggstown Causeway Bridges over the D&R Canal

Franklin Township, Somerset County

Date: February 2nd to February 13th, 2026

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 **Virtual Public Information Center (VPIC)** to provide local residents, officials, businesses, and the general public with information on the **Chapel Drive & Griggstown Causeway over D&R Canal Bridge Replacement Project**. You are encouraged to actively participate by providing comments by mail or email.

The Presentation

The Virtual Public Information Center will be posted under the link below. You are encouraged to actively participate and provide comments via email or mail.

<https://ChapelGriggstownPIC.org/>

Please view the presentation at a time that is convenient for you between **February 2nd, 2026, through February 13th, 2026**, to learn more about the project. You will have an opportunity to review the presentation, submit questions, and leave feedback. Property owners with rental units are advised that tenants are also invited and encouraged to participate. If you are unable to participate in the Virtual Public Information Center meeting, but are interested in learning about this project, please contact us at the telephone number or email address listed below.

Project Background

Purpose: The purpose of the project is to replace the Chapel Drive and Griggstown Causeway bridges over the D&R Canal, which are both in poor condition. During the Chapel Drive Bridge replacement, access will be maintained to the Pillar of Fire Campus. The Griggstown Causeway Bridge replacement will require a detour during construction.

Need: The Chapel Drive Bridge was built in 1951 and reconstructed in 1997. The Griggstown Causeway Bridge was built in 1950 and reconstructed in 1990. Due to the poor conditions of the substructures, both bridges require replacement to provide a safe and efficient bridge crossing.

Project: The proposed Chapel Drive Bridge will be a single-span steel plate girder bridge with plank decking. The proposed Griggstown Causeway Bridge will be a single-span steel plate girder bridge with a concrete deck and timber sidewalk surface.

Additional improvements include:

- Widening the bridges
- Raising the roadway profile
- Upgrading ADA-compliant sidewalk
- Install structural bridge railings
- Utility Relocation

- Install flashing beacon for trail crossing at Griggstown Causeway

Historic and Cultural Resources

State and federal regulations pertaining to the protection of historic properties, referred to as the Section 106 process, require NJDOT to take into account the effect of proposed projects upon historic resources listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places. If you would like more detailed information on the Section 106 process, please reference the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's *A Citizen's Guide to Section 106 Review*, available online at:

https://www.achp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2021-01/CitizenGuide2021_011321.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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Estimated Schedule

• Start Construction	Spring 2026
• Griggstown Causeway Detour	Spring 2026
• Complete Construction	Spring 2027

For further information, please contact:

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