

# NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

## Clifton Avenue and Nesbitt Street Bridges over NJ Transit & Route I-280 Proposed Bridge Construction City of Newark, Essex County

**Pre-Construction Public Information Center  
Tuesday, January 13, 2009, 4 - 7pm**

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), committed to developing transportation improvements that best balance the transportation needs, the environment, community concerns and cost, will hold a Public Information Center to inform local residents, public officials and the business community about the **Clifton Avenue and Nesbitt Street Bridges over NJ Transit & Route I-280 construction project**. You are encouraged to actively participate by providing comments at the meeting, by mail, or by e-mail.

### The Meeting

The Public Information Center will be held at the **McKinley School, 1 Colonnade Place, Newark, NJ on Tuesday, January 13, 2009, 4 - 7pm**. Please come at a time that is convenient for you. You will have an opportunity to review exhibits of the proposed project, ask questions and discuss issues with NJDOT staff members.

### Background

The project is located within the City of Newark between Orange Street and Eighth Avenue. The local north/south streets are Clifton Avenue and Nesbitt Street. The existing bridges over NJ Transit's Morristown Railroad Line are in poor condition, and the existing bridges over Route I-280 have insufficient vertical underclearance and poor deck conditions.

### The Proposed Project

NJDOT proposes to:

- Replace the Nesbitt Street and Clifton Avenue Bridge superstructures and decks over NJ Transit's Morristown Railroad Line and Route I-280.
- Improve the vertical underclearance over Route I-280.
- Replace the existing through-girder type structures over NJ Transit with steel beam and concrete deck bridges.

- Upgrade the signalized intersections in the vicinity of the project.
- Construct new approach pavement, mill and resurface the adjoining approach roadways between Orange Street and Eighth Avenue.
- Reconstruct the roadway pavement along Lackawanna Street and Ramp H between Clifton Avenue and Nesbitt Streets.
- Reconstruct some of the existing sidewalks and curbing and install guide rail.
- Construct minor modifications to the roadway drainage systems.
- Maintain underground telephone utilities during construction and permanently relocate various overhead utilities.

Except for easements and temporary access, this project will be implemented within the existing right-of-way.

### Estimated Schedule:

Construction Start: February 2009  
Construction Completion: May 2011

### Traffic Control:

During construction, the contractor will close each street as the corresponding pair of structures is removed and rebuilt. The use of temporary traffic detours and revisions to intersection traffic controls will be employed during all phases of work for safety purposes. Some construction tasks will require nighttime operations during off-peak NJ Transit hours.

The first phase will close Nesbitt Street (for approximately one year) followed by the closure of Clifton Avenue (for approximately one year).

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