



Virtual Public Information Center

November 30, 2020 through December 14, 2020
Route 24, Columbia Turnpike and Park Avenue Interchange Improvements
Morris Township, Borough of Florham and Hanover Township
Morris County, New Jersey

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), committed to developing transportation improvements that best balance transportation needs, the environment, community concerns and costs, will hold a Virtual Public Information Center (PIC) to provide local residents and businesses with information on the **Route 24, Columbia Turnpike and Park Avenue Interchange Improvements**. You are encouraged to actively participate by providing comments at the end of the presentation by mail or e-mail.

The Presentation

Due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, the Public Information Center will be conducted virtually at the following website:

<https://www.dewberry.com/njdot-rt24-columbiatpk-parkave-interchange>

Please view the presentation at a time that is convenient for you between November 30, 2020 and December 14, 2020. The purpose of the presentation is to provide information about the proposed improvements at the Route 24, Columbia Turnpike and Park Avenue Interchange. After the presentation, you will have an opportunity to submit comments to the NJDOT. Property owners with rental units are advised that tenants are also invited and encouraged to participate.

Background

Traffic exiting Route 24 Eastbound for Columbia Turnpike Westbound is forced to weave across heavy traffic on Columbia Turnpike Westbound to make a left turn onto Park Avenue Southbound. Weaving is causing accidents, delays at the Columbia Turnpike/Park Avenue signalized intersection and back-ups onto Route 24 during the morning peak hours.

The Proposed Project

NJDOT determined that a new ramp will be constructed to connect Route 24 Eastbound to and from Park Avenue at a new signalized T-intersection located south of the Columbia Turnpike/Park Avenue intersection. This new two-way ramp will connect to the existing ramps to and from Route 24

Eastbound and Columbia Turnpike Eastbound. The existing ramps will be modified.

New signage will direct Route 24 Eastbound drivers bound for Park Avenue Southbound to stay on the highway and take the next exit (Columbia Turnpike Eastbound) to access the new ramp to Park Avenue. This will eliminate weaving on Columbia Turnpike Westbound and reduce accidents and delays at the Columbia Turnpike/Park Avenue intersection.

A physical separator such as a curbed island will be constructed on Columbia Turnpike Westbound to prevent exiting traffic from Route 24 Eastbound from weaving across traffic to the left. Drivers will have the option of staying on Columbia Turnpike or turning right onto Park Avenue Northbound.

The existing ramp from Columbia Turnpike Eastbound to Route 24 Eastbound will be closed and signage will direct drivers to use the new ramp connection on Park Avenue. To accommodate the increase in traffic from Columbia Turnpike Eastbound to Park Avenue Southbound, two right turn lanes will be provided at the Columbia Turnpike/Park Avenue intersection.

Anticipated Schedule

- Concept Development Phase complete: Winter 2021
- Preliminary Engineering Phase begins: Fall 2021

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