



Bridge Street Bridge Essex County & Hudson County Final Design Phase



FACT SHEET



Project Background

Essex County and Hudson County are progressing through NJTPA's Local Project Delivery Process to plan and advance the replacement of the existing Bridge Street Bridge over the Passaic River, which serves as an important transportation connection for residents and commuters traveling to and from Newark's downtown business district and surrounding neighborhoods. The bridge has been temporarily closed in recent years for structural and mechanical repairs. Due to its age, the bridge has deteriorated over time, and routine maintenance can no longer adequately address these deficiencies.



The bridge improvement project is currently in the Final Design (FD) phase, which is the third step of the project. The FD phase includes continuing and completing tasks started during the PE Phase, such as roadway design, bridge design, right of way and access engineering, utility engineering, environmental permits and clearances, risk management, and community outreach.



Project Goals and Objectives

- Provide bicycle compatibility and connectivity.
- Provide Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant pedestrian facilities and crossings as well as connectivity to the approach roadways.
- Correct the controlling substandard design elements.
- Modernize bridge mechanical and electrical components to meet current standards.
- Maintain traffic operations and volume with minimum disruption and delay during construction.

Local Preliminary Engineering Phase
Completed in 2026

Local Concept Development Phase
Completed in 2020

Final Design Phase
Expected timeframe: 2026-2028

Construction Phase
Expected to begin in 2028



Final Design Phase Schedule

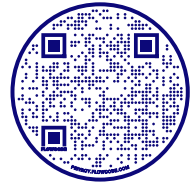
- Initiation of Final Design Phase: Spring 2026
- Final Right-Of-Way Submission: Fall 2026
- Final Design Submission: Fall 2027
- Submission of Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E): Winter 2028
- Continue Public Outreach and Involvement: Throughout Phase
- Completion of Final Design Phase: Spring 2028



How to Get Involved

The project team encourages participation from local officials, community stakeholders, agency representatives, and the general public. Your involvement ensures that the project reflects the people it serves.

- Stay up to date with the latest developments and submit questions and comments to the project team of the Bridge Street Bridge project by scanning the QR code and visiting the project's website at **www.bridgestreetbridge.com**.
- Attend a public meeting to ask questions, voice opinions, and learn more about the project. The anticipated schedule for meetings during the FD phase are as follows:
 - Community Stakeholder Meeting, City of Harrison: Fall 2026
 - Community Stakeholder Meeting, City of Newark: Fall 2026
 - Public Information Meeting (PIM) No. 1, City of Harrison: Spring 2027
 - Public Information Meeting (PIM) No. 2, City of Newark: Spring 2027



More information about the public meetings will be added to the website closer to the meeting dates.



What to Expect During Construction

- The bridge is expected to be closed to all users for approximately 24 months.
- Detours for vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic will be posted.

