

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

New Jersey Turnpike Authority

Notice of Public Hearing under EO-172 and No Net Loss for Grade Separated U-Turn Program at Milepost 23.0 along the New Jersey Turnpike (Deptford Township, Gloucester County).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the New Jersey Turnpike Authority (the “Authority”) will hold a Public Hearing in compliance with the New Jersey No Net Loss Reforestation Act (N.J.S.A 13:1L-14.1 et seq.) and Executive Order No. 172 (Kean 1987) for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed project, which includes the construction of a grade-separated U-Turn at Milepost 23.0 along the New Jersey Turnpike (the “Project”).

The Authority’s Grade Separated U-Turn Program will construct new U-Turns to replace 23 existing cut-throughs in the median barrier on the NJ Turnpike. Grade-separated U-Turns allow authorized vehicles to safely change directions on the NJ Turnpike Mainline between interchanges to facilitate critical maintenance activities and allow for prompt responses to vehicle accidents, fire, and other emergency concerns.

The Project will construct a new U-Turn bridge which is intended to replace the traffic movement previously provided by the median cut-throughs and will only be for official use (e.g., emergency and maintenance vehicles). The Project area at Milepost 23.0 includes 7.4 acres of forested land subject to the No Net Loss Compensatory Reforestation Program. The area of disturbance is no larger than is necessary to construct the Project, as the Authority has taken every effort to reduce the impact to forested areas. Project plans are available for review by the public at <https://www.njta.com/capitalprojects> or at the Authority’s Administrative Offices, located at 1 Turnpike Plaza, Woodbridge, NJ 07095

The Public Hearing will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at Deptford Township Municipal Building, 1011 Cooper Street, Deptford Township, NJ, 08096. An open house will be held starting at 6:00 p.m. with a presentation by Authority representatives beginning at 6:30 p.m. The public will be given the opportunity to provide both oral and written comments.

At the Public Hearing, a representative(s) from the Authority will be available to provide project information and answer questions. The public comment period regarding the No Net Loss and EO-172 processes will remain open for sixty (60) days following the Public Hearing and will close on April 11, 2026. Written statements may be submitted either at the Public Hearing, submitted electronically to Structuresdesign@njta.com or mailed to Oleem O’Garro, 1 Turnpike Plaza, P.O. Box 5042 Woodbridge, NJ 07095.

All comments received at the Public Hearing or submitted prior to the close of the 60-day public comment period will become part of the public record. The Authority will review and consider all comments made and will prepare responses, which will be posted at

<https://www.njta.com/capitalprojects> and kept on file at the Authority's Administrative Offices, with copies forwarded to the municipalities and counties in which the Project is located.

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