PUBLIC HEARING RULES

The following rules will govern the Public Comment portion of the Public Hearing:

1. Everyone wishing to speak must register at the desk located at the entrance to the auditorium.
2. Speakers will be called in the order in which they registered, except for public officials who will be given priority.
3. All comments will be recorded by the Certified Court Reporter.
4. Speakers are asked to state their full name and address, and spell their last name.
5. Oral comments will be limited to 3 minutes. Remaining time cannot be assigned to another speaker. There is no limit on the length of written comments.
6. The Public Hearing will end when all those registered to comment have done so.

The public comment period required by EO-172 will remain open for fifteen (15) days after the Hearing, until October 1, 2026 and any additional comments must be submitted in writing to:

New Jersey Turnpike Authority, Engineering Department
1 Turnpike Plaza
Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095
Attn: Vincent Mignella, P.E., Hearing Officer

All comments will be addressed in a written Final Hearing Report, which will be issued after the Hearing.

NEW JERSEY'S NO NET COMPENSATORY LOSS REFORESTATION ACT

As part of this Public Hearing and in accordance with New Jersey Statutes Section 13: 1L-14.1, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority (a state entity who owns and maintains the Garden State Parkway) is conducting a public forum to present its plan for deforestation and plan for reforestation of an area at least one acre in size associated with Garden State Parkway Operational Improvements from Milepost 78.8 to 84.5. The public comment period for No Net Loss Compensatory Reforestation Act will remain open for sixty (60) days and will close on November 15, 2026.

ANTICIPATED PROJECT CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

FIRST CONTRACT — **Construction Start in 2027**
Construction Completion in 2030

SECOND CONTRACT — **To Follow First Contract Construction Completion**
Anticipated Four Year Construction Duration

NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY

Public Hearing

Pursuant to Executive Order 172 and NJ No Net Loss Reforestation Compensatory Act for

Operational Improvements From Mileposts 78.8 to 84.5
Along the Garden State Parkway
Beachwood and South Toms River Boroughs,
Berkeley and Toms River Townships, Ocean County

September 16, 2026 - 6:00PM TO 8:00PM

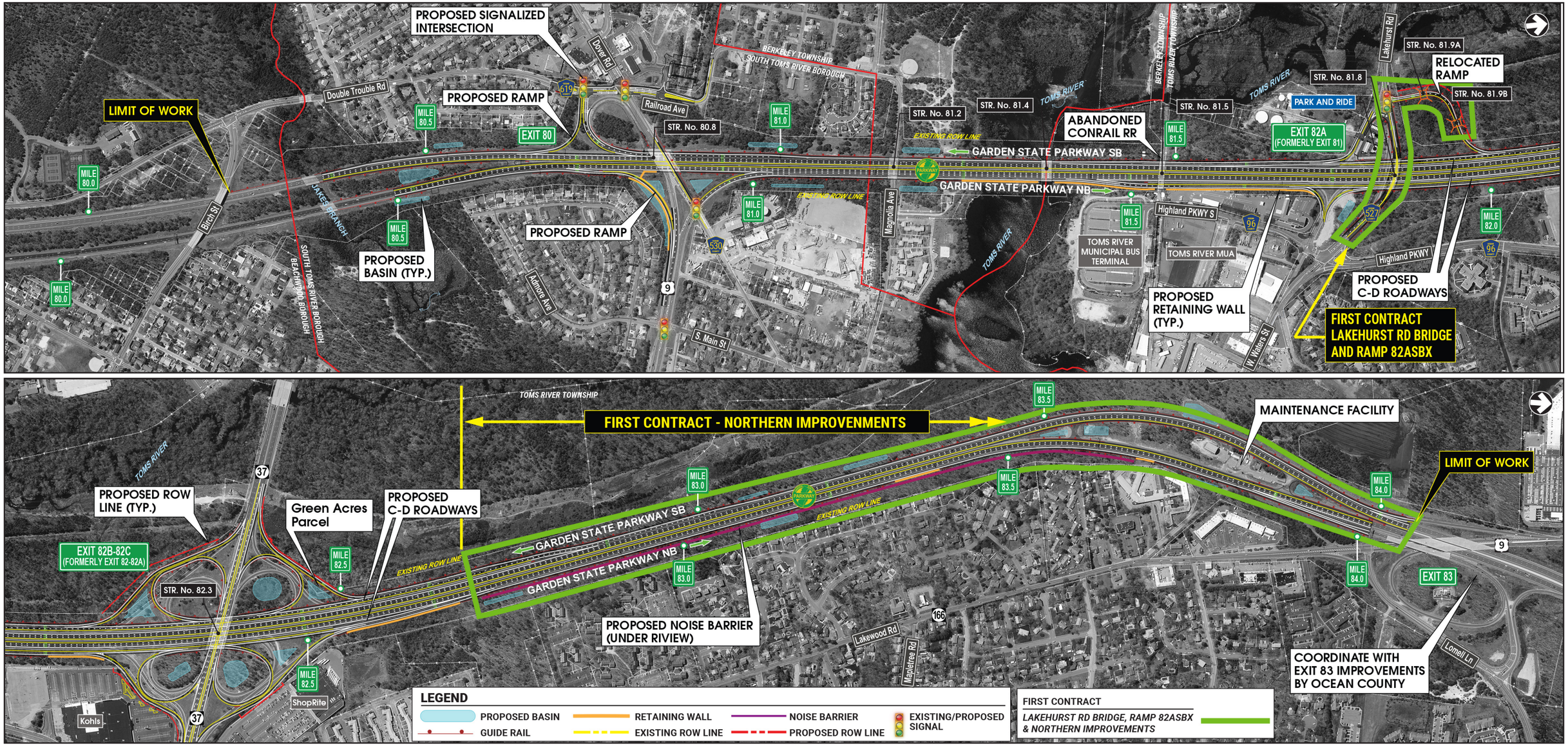
Open House starting at 6:00 PM with a
Presentation beginning at 6:30 PM

Public Hearing Location

Ocean County Library, Toms River Branch
101 Washington Avenue, Toms River NJ

PRESENTATION AGENDA
6:30 PM

Introduction	Vincent Mignella, P.E. Project Engineer Hearing Officer, NJTA
Description of Improvements	Michael McDonnell, P.E. Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.
Description of Environmental Permits	Marshall Robert, P.E., P.P Arora and Associates, P.C.
Public Comment	Open



PROJECT BACKGROUND

The project corridor extends approximately 3.5 miles, starting at Garden State Parkway (Parkway) Interchange 80 and extending to Interchange 83 at US Route 9 / NJ Route 166. Within this stretch, there are three existing interchanges:

- Interchange 80: A partial interchange providing access to and from the north with Route 9.
- Interchange 81: A full interchange with Lakehurst Road and Water Street.
- Interchange 82-82A: A full cloverleaf interchange with NJ Route 37 .

This section of the Parkway experiences heavy traffic volumes, congestion, and high crash rates. Notably, the missing ramps at Interchange 80 force drivers to use adjacent interchanges and local roads, increasing travel complexity. Additionally, the cloverleaf at Interchange 82-82A results in short distances between entrance and exit ramps, causing weaving issues, congestion, and crashes.

PROPOSED PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS

The main goals of the project are to improve operational deficiencies, enhance accessibility and safety, and reduce travel time along the corridor. Key improvements include:

- Constructing the missing movements at Interchange 80 by adding a southbound entrance ramp and northbound exit ramp.
- Relocating the southbound exit ramp at Interchange 81.
- Building Collector-Distributor (C-D) roadways in both directions to connect all ramps at existing Interchanges 81 and 82, thereby mitigating weaving issues.
- Adding auxiliary lanes between adjacent interchanges to improve traffic flow.
- Project improvements are being coordinated with the Ocean County improvements at Interchange 83.

The project will be executed in two contracts:

- First Contract: Includes reconstruction of the Lakehurst Road bridge over the Parkway, relocation of the Interchange 81 southbound exit ramp and widening the Parkway north of existing Interchange 82-82A.
- Second Contract: Encompasses the remaining improvements at existing Interchange 82-82A and southward, including the missing ramps at Interchange 80 and the C-D roadways .