



ROUTE 22 SUSTAINABLE CORRIDOR LONG TERM IMPROVEMENTS



Study Sponsors

- Somerset County, NJ
- New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT)

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- Bridgewater Township
- Somerville Borough
- Federal Highway Administration
- NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection
- NJ Dept. of Transportation
- NJ Transit
- North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority
- Ridewise
- Somerset County Business Partnership
- Regional Center Partnership of Somerset County
- NJ Office of Planning Advocacy
- Local Schools

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Project Overview

Somerset County, in cooperation with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), has initiated the Route 22 Sustainable Corridor Long Term Improvements Study. This 22-month corridor study will explore opportunities and constraints to improve vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle safety, improve mobility, provide more coordinated access to local businesses and properties, and better accommodate alternate modes of travel. The study will follow the NJDOT Concept Development and Feasibility Assessment process to ensure that improvements recommended at the end of the study can be furthered into Preliminary and Final Design for implementation.

The Study Area

The Route 22 Sustainable Corridor study will look at an approximately three-mile stretch along Route 22 between its interchange with US 202/206 in the west and the I-287 interchange in the east. This section of the corridor serves local and regional traffic and is a vital link for commuters, residents and local businesses.



Background

This study will build on the Route 22 Sustainable Corridor Plan developed by Somerset County, the New Jersey Department of Transportation, and its consultants. This plan provided a framework to transform the Route 22 Corridor in the Somerset County Regional Center from a high-speed, high-crash corridor, which only accommodates vehicular traffic, into a corridor that can accommodate pedestrian and bicycle travel, as well as local and regional vehicular traffic while at the same time improving safety. The framework also provided for a series of pedestrian enhancements and the implementation of transit improvements, including potentially new transit services and other complementary mobility improvement strategies.



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Eastbound towards
Rt 287



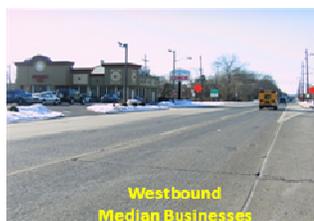
Eastbound
Mid-Corridor



Westbound looking
at Pedestrian Bridge



Westbound towards
Rt 202/206



Westbound
Median Businesses



Eastbound looking at
Rt 202/206 overpass

NJDOT Planning Process

The first phase of this project is the data collection phase (Concept Development), followed by the alternatives development and analysis phase (Feasibility Assessment), which involves the development and the evaluation of feasible alternatives. The evaluation of the alternatives will include, but not be limited to, the following issues:

- Improve traffic safety and flow;
- Assess right-of-way impacts;
- Improve design of the roadway to current standards and aesthetics;
- Assess existing/proposed development impacts;
- Consider environmental issues;
- Evaluate access to existing properties/businesses;
- Evaluate construction impacts; and
- Evaluate existing physical constraints (i.e. structures, utilities, etc.).

The goal of the Concept Development and Feasibility Assessment phases of this project is to identify and select an Initially Preferred Alternative (IPA) that will meet the project needs and objectives for future improvements along the US 22 Corridor. The IPA will be a collection of recommended improvements which can then be ultimately implemented along the corridor.

Get Involved!

Effective communication among Somerset County, the Consultant Team and all stakeholders is an essential component for the success of the Route 22 Sustainable Corridor Long Term Improvement Study.

The Study Team has created several opportunities for sharing information and collecting input:

- ✓ A project website (www.route22corridor.info)
- ✓ Meetings with local officials and focus groups,
- ✓ Project surveys posted on www.ridewise.org,
- ✓ Project newsletters,
- ✓ E-mail notifications, and
- ✓ Four public meetings held at key milestones in the process.

