

# NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Parkway Avenue, Scotch Road to Pennington Road Safety Concept Development Study Ewing Township and the City of Trenton, Mercer County, NJ Public Information Center (PIC) Tuesday, June 26, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

## Who is conducting this study and why?

The New Jersey Department of Transportation in collaboration with Mercer County and local project partners, is conducting a study to identify and develop safety improvements along Parkway Avenue from Scotch Road (CR 611) to Pennington Road (NJ 31) in Ewing Township and the City of Trenton.

## What is the purpose of this study?

Parkway Avenue within the study limits has historically been identified as a high-crash corridor. The purpose of the study is to identify and recommend improvements that will make Parkway Avenue a safer corridor for all roadway users, with the goal of reducing the quantity and severity of crashes. Safety improvements are needed within this corridor due to the historically high crash rate, high travel speed, and proximity to key trip generators including two schools, businesses, religious institutions, and retail. A wide range of proven safety countermeasures were considered for recommendation using a strategic, data-driven approach. Some of the countermeasures that are being considered include:

- Road Diets or lane configuration changes (both number of lanes and turn lanes at intersections);
- Roundabouts at key intersections;
- New or improved pedestrian and bicycle facilities;
- Other pedestrian, bicyclist, and motorist enhancements; and
- Upgrades at intersections to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

# **Background**

As part of the 2015 NJDOT Road Diet Pilot Program, Parkway Avenue was one of two corridors (out of 99 potential locations) identified as a feasible, suitable, and beneficial location to implement a Road Diet improvement. As a result, NJDOT initiated this Safety Concept Development (CD) Study through the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Highway Safety Improvement Program. As the focus of both this CD Study and the Highway Safety Improvement Program is to improve safety, and reduce the number of traffic fatalities and serious injuries for all roadway users.

## Where/When is the Public Information Center (PIC)?

Ewing Senior and Community Center, 999 Lower Ferry Road, Ewing Township on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The PIC will be an open house format. Please stop by any time that is convenient for you during the meeting. You will have an opportunity to review exhibits, project information, and ask questions and discuss issues with project team members.

#### Who should attend the PIC?

Local officials, residents, and the business community are invited to attend the PIC to learn more about the project and provide input on developed alternatives. Property owners of rental units are advised that tenants are also invited and encouraged to attend. You are encouraged to actively participate by asking questions and providing comments and input.

#### What If I can't make the meeting?

Those who are unable to attend the PIC in person can learn more about the project and provide input via the project website, www.parkwayavenuesafety.com.

The website provides project updates, information about upcoming public meetings, contact Information, and a field for questions/comments.

#### What is the Project Schedule?

- Document Existing Conditions: Complete
- Development of Improvement Alternatives: Complete
- Selection of Preliminary Improvement Alternative: In-Progress
- Submission of Draft Report: Summer 2018
- Completion of Concept Development Phase: Fall 2018

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