



**COUNTY OF ESSEX / COUNTY OF HUDSON**  
**Local Concept Development Study for Bridge Street Bridge**  
**over the Passaic River**  
**City of Newark and Town of Harrison, NJ**



**Community Input Survey - SUMMARY UPDATE** *Total Sent: 264 Received: 17 (6.1%) As of: 1/5/17*

1. Were you aware of this Bridge Improvement Study?  Yes  No
  - YES (8)
  - NO (9)
  
2. How often do you use the Bridge Street Bridge? (please check)
  - Everyday (30 days)  Often (5-10 days)  Seldom (1-3 days)  Never
  - *Everyday* (9)
  - *Often* (2)
  - *Seldom* (6)
  - *Never* (0)
  - *Use by members of NRBP*
  
3. Do you use public transportation in this area?  Everyday  Often  Seldom  Never  
 If so, what type?  NJ Transit  Private Bus  Other\_\_\_\_\_
  - *Everyday* (10)
  - *Often* (0)
  - *Seldom* (1)
  - *Never* (6)
  
  - *NJ Transit* (4)
  - *Private Bus* (2)      • *Rutgers University - Newark Transit - Kearny Route*
  - *PATH Train* (1)
  - *Other* (3)      • *Rutgers Transportation*
  
4. Do you walk  or ride a bike  in this area?  Yes  Often  Sometimes  No
  - a. If walking across the bridge, which sidewalk did you use prior to the closure:
    - Northside (*westbound traffic*)  Southside (*eastbound traffic*)  Both  Not on bridge
  - b. If bicycling, please circle: sidewalk or shoulder and which side:
    - Northside (*westbound traffic*)  Southside (*eastbound traffic*)  Both  Not on bridge
  - YES (7)
  - Often (0)
  - Sometimes (0)
  - NO (10)



**a. WALK**

- *Every day* (0)
- *Often* (4)
- *Sometimes* (0)
- *Never* (0)

**Walking across bridge which side do you prefer**

- *Northside* (0)
- *Southside* (0)
- *Both* (1)
- *Not on Bridge* (0)

**b. BIKING**

- *Every day* (0)
- *Often* (3)
- *Sometimes* (1)
- *Never* (0)

**Biking using sidewalk or shoulder, which side do you prefer**

- *Northside* (1)
- *Southside* (2)
- *Both* (5)
- *Not on bridge* (0)

5. How is this study important to you - your involvement/representation? (*circle any that apply*)

- a. Resident or Commuter (*how do you use this bridge for travel, local or regional*)? (11)
- b. Type of Mobility and Access (*local use - walking, biking, transit*) (5)
- c. Economic interest (*business owner, chamber of commerce member*)? (8)
- d. Social service provider (*non-profit agency, house of worship, human resources*)? (5)
- e. Historic features of interest (*member of historical society or organization*)? (0)

6. What are the key issues near the Bridge Street Bridge as you see them (access, safety, traffic, mobility, aesthetics, marine activity)?

- *Access* (3)
- *Safety* (3)
- *Traffic* (6)
- *Mobility* (1)
- *Aesthetics* (1)
- *Marine activity* (1)
  
- *All of the above* (3)
- *Access, safety - especially at Route 21, and traffic* (2)
- *Resident* (1)
- *Crossing Streets* (1)
- *Safe access for vehicles, pedestrians, etc.* (1)
- *Complete streets for all users, transit operations* (1)

- *Riverfront Park construction and access (1)*
7. Is the bridge wide enough to service the transportation needs (vehicles, pedestrian, bicyclists) in the project vicinity? How many lanes are needed each way?
- *Bridge is wide enough (4)*
  - *Needs 2 lanes each way (3)*
  - *Trucks crossing bridge result in 1 lane (1)*
  - *Needs 3 lanes each way (1)*
  - *No. It should be two lanes plus two bicycle lanes and matching sidewalks each way.*
  - *Rutgers recommends designing a bridge cross-section that is complete for all users, including buses, cars, bicycles and pedestrians.*
  - *During the morning commute, I drive through North Arlington/Kearny and cross the bridge to get into Newark. I take this route to avoid the traffic backups on Route 21. I fear that during the reconstruction of the bridge, Route 21 will become even worse, so if there are any provisions that could be made to alleviate that congestion, it would be great. find that even though only one lane is marked as left turn from Bridge onto Route 21 South, many people turn left from both lanes. Since the left lane can also go straight, this has the potential to cause many accidents. Finally, the light does not allow very many cars to turn, which causes a backup on the bridge back toward Passaic Ave.*
  - *It is not wide enough now for two-way traffic. If you add walking or bicycling, it will get crazy.*
8. What should the study team be aware of concerning any traffic changes or detours near the Bridge Street Bridge (past, present, or future)?
- *Present and future (2)*
  - *Currently there are many detours due to the 280/21 project & work on the Clay Street Bridge*
  - *New apts/condos on Dey St. and Dey becoming 2 way St. that will impact access to from the bridge*
  - *Detours will need to be well marked well in advance of the Bridge. Extra speed limit markings are also necessary.*
  - *Rutgers would like to be made aware of any bridge closings or detours planned at any point in this project. This will help minimize impacts to traffic and transit operations.*
  - *As mentioned above, I think the alternate routes will get very congested. If the lights at the Clay St. bridge and at the 280 intersection could be timed more effectively, I think that could help.*
  - *Space*
  - *Rt. 21/Rt. 280 Interchange Project*
9. Do you currently use the Passaic River in the vicinity of this bridge for recreational or business activity, or plan to in the future? Please explain. If marine vessel, please provide type and height.
- *No (7)*
  - *Yes, business activity (1)*
  - *No, too polluted! (1)*
  - *Not applicable (1)*
  - *Newark Fireboats. Air Drafts 14-16 feet.*
  - *Yes, for walking*

- Contact Marcy DePina , Riverfront Revival Program Director

10. Are you interested in becoming a stakeholder representing your organization, business, school, neighborhood or interest group (*attend 2-3 meetings*)?  Yes  No

a. If so, what days and times of the week are preferred? (M, Tu, W, Th, F) (am, afternoon, pm)

- YES (10)
- NO (7)
- Days: Mon (1) Tues (3) Wed (1) Thurs (2) Fri (1)
- Time: a.m. (3) afternoon (4) p.m. (0)
  - Days vary, any time (1)
  - Any days / times are preferred. (1)
  - There are no preferences, only advanced warning.

11. Are any special provisions needed for you to attend a meeting such as mobility, hearing, or visual or language assistance?  Yes  No If yes, please indicate: \_\_\_\_\_

- YES (0)
- NO (13)

12. Are there any organizations or individuals you would suggest we contact as possible stakeholders?

- New Jersey Transit, Town of Harrison, Spanish Pavilion in Harrison
- Newark Community Economic Development Corp
- Newark Downtown District
- NJIT, Essex Community College
- Coast Guard
- Rutgers Transportation, Joe Vocaturo, Operations Manager (phone number provided)
- Information on additional stakeholders was provided at the meeting on 9/12/16, and via email

13. Do you have any comments/questions about the study or any other suggestions you wish to share about the study that may help with planning future meetings?

- *No work should begin on Bridge Street Bridge Project until the 280/21 and Clay Street Bridge projects are complete. Traffic & detours particularly for Rt 30 NJ Bus are burdened now. In addition the bridges were all repaired a few years ago. I resent my tax dollars being wasted!*
- *The future clean up of the Passaic River will recruit in Traffic and will impact travel on the bridge. In addition, the River walkway/path from the Hampton Inn along the River should go under the bridge not requiring users to cross the bridge to use it.*
- *City of Newark is working on extensive plans for activities / Parks along the river that may be impacted.*
- *What is the good of this study? Will a recommendation report be generated and shared with stakeholders? What is the time frame?*
- *Rutgers recommends that any potential new bridge design continues to accommodate bus traffic and that the bridge cross-section is designed to accommodate all users, including bicycles and pedestrians. Dedicated bicycle infrastructure is recommended. Rutgers would like to be included*

*as a stakeholder throughout the study process and be provided with advance notice of any bridge closings or detours related to the project.*

- *This survey requires answers to some questions that may not be applicable. For example, I had to choose walk or bike in question 4, when I actually do neither.*

**Thank you for completing this survey. Please return by August 30, 2016 to: [maculbertson@verizon.net](mailto:maculbertson@verizon.net) or fax to: 856-795-8523, or mail to: M.A. Culbertson, LLC, P.O. Box 45, Haddonfield, NJ 08033**

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