



Wednesday, April 6, 2022 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

High Bridge Borough Downtown Connection

Safe Route to School Grant Program

Hart Street, Union Avenue and Central Avenue

High Bridge Borough, Hunterdon County

The Borough of High Bridge is committed to ensuring transportation safety improvements that best balance the environment, community concerns, and cost. The Borough will hold a **Public Information Center (PIC)** to inform residents, officials, and the community about the **Preliminary Engineering Design of the Safe Routes to School – Downtown Connection project**. You are encouraged to participate by providing comments at the meeting, by mail, or e-mail.

THE MEETING

The PIC meeting will be held in the **High Bridge Fire Station, 7 Maryland Avenue, High Bridge Borough on Wednesday April 6th from 6PM to 8PM**. You will have an opportunity to review exhibits of the Preliminary Construction Plans, ask questions, and share information with the Borough's project team members. Property owners of rental units are advised that tenants are also invited and encouraged to participate.

BACKGROUND

High Bridge has received a grant through the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program to construct pedestrian safety improvements along Hart Street, Union Avenue and Central Avenue. The goal of the proposed project is to create a safe pedestrian corridor to the Borough's Elementary and Middle Schools and to help create pedestrian connectivity facilities from the homes in the Jenny Jump neighborhood up to Bridge Street.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Hart Street is currently a narrow two-lane roadway connecting West Main Street to Union Avenue. There is no sidewalk present for the majority of the project limits and where sidewalk does exist, it is often disconnected and does not meet current American with Disability Act (ADA) standards. Union and Central Avenue operate as a two-lane roadway with sidewalk on the east side of the road. The existing sidewalk along this stretch and pedestrian curb ramps at the intersection of Central Avenue and Bridge Street are non-compliant with ADA Standards.

THE PROJECT

The primary project purpose is to improve pedestrian safety by adding a sidewalk along Hart Street and reconstructing any existing sidewalk to meet ADA Standards. Proposed improvements will consist of the following:

- **Hart Street** – Hart Street currently operates as a two-lane roadway and is approximately 18' wide. As homes are located immediately adjacent to the roadway and right-of-way (ROW) line, the addition of an ADA compatible sidewalk while maintaining a two-lane roadway is difficult without significant ROW, Utility and Environmental Impacts. The proposed improvements along Hart Street will consist of reducing the roadway to a one-lane roadway traveling in the direction from West Main Street to Union Avenue. This will allow the proposed sidewalk to be constructed within the existing footprint of the roadway and therefore will not impact right-of-way or existing utility facilities. The proposed curb and sidewalk will be constructed on the west side of the roadway and will be five (5) feet in width. The roadway travel lane will be reduced to provide a one-lane 13' wide road. ADA accessible curb ramps will be provided on each side of the roadway at the intersections of West Main Street and Union Avenue.
- **Union Avenue / Central Avenue** – The existing curb and sidewalk along Union and Central Avenue will be reconstructed to meet current ADA Standards. Pedestrian curb ramps will be provided at the intersection of Union and Hart Street and the existing curb ramps at the intersection of Central Avenue and Bridge Street will be reconstructed. New crosswalk striping will be provided where curb ramps are to be reconstructed.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE AND COST:

The Preliminary Engineering Phase of the project is expected to be completed by June 2022, with Final Design starting August 2022 and lasting through February 2023. Construction is slated to begin in the summer of 2023 and is anticipated to last approximately three months. Construction costs are estimated to be approximately \$340,000. All costs for Engineering Design, Construction and Construction Inspection will be reimbursed through the Federal SRTS program, administered through NJDOT Local Aid.

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