



## Route 33, Wayside Road to Route 71

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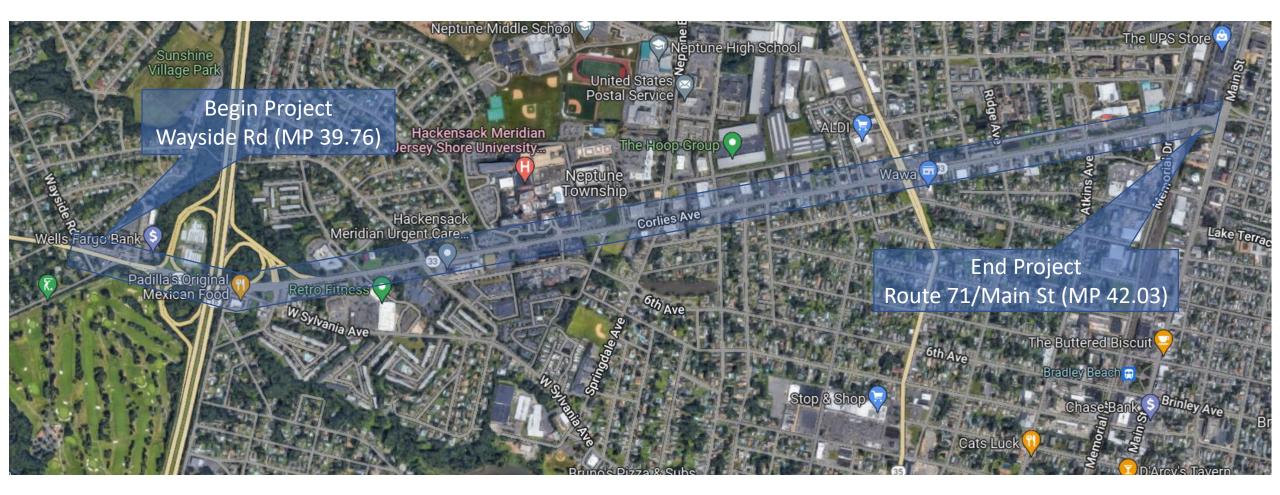
December 1 to December 14, 2025



## **Agenda**

- Project Background and Existing Conditions
- Project Purpose and Need
- Preliminary Preferred Alternative (PPA)
- PPA Impacts
- Next Steps

# **Project Location**



Neptune Township and Borough of Neptune City, Monmouth County

#### **Route 33 Existing Conditions**

- Route 33 from Wayside Road to Route 35
  - Wayside Road to Wakefield Road → Posted Speed Limit is 40 MPH
  - Wakefield Road to Route 35 → Posted Speed Limit is 35 MPH
- Route 33 from Route 35 to Route 71
  - Posted Speed Limit is 30 MPH
- Typical section
  - 2 lanes in each direction with no outside shoulders
  - 1 lane in each direction with a center turn lane and outside shoulders
- 11 signalized intersections and 1 interchange (Route 18)

#### **Bicycle and Pedestrian Activity**

- Sidewalk is generally present east of Brighton Avenue
- No sidewalk at western end of project worn paths are present
- Areas of high pedestrian activity include:
  - Jersey Shore Medical Center
  - Between Ridge Avenue and Route 71
- Bicycle activity observed along the corridor
  - Using roadway and sidewalk

## Crash Data (2016-2020)

• 1,117 crashes reported within the project limits

Location	Crash Rate
Wayside Rd to Brighton Ave	6 times higher than the statewide average
Brighton Ave to Fisher Ave	2.5 times higher than the statewide average
Fisher Ave to Route 71 (Main St)	4 times higher than the statewide average

#### **Bicycle and Pedestrian Crashes**

- 29 pedestrian and bicycle crashes were reported in a 5-year period
  - 15 pedestrian
  - 14 bicycle
- 2 fatal pedestrian crashes
  - Both occurred at Walnut Street/Oak Avenue unsignalized intersection

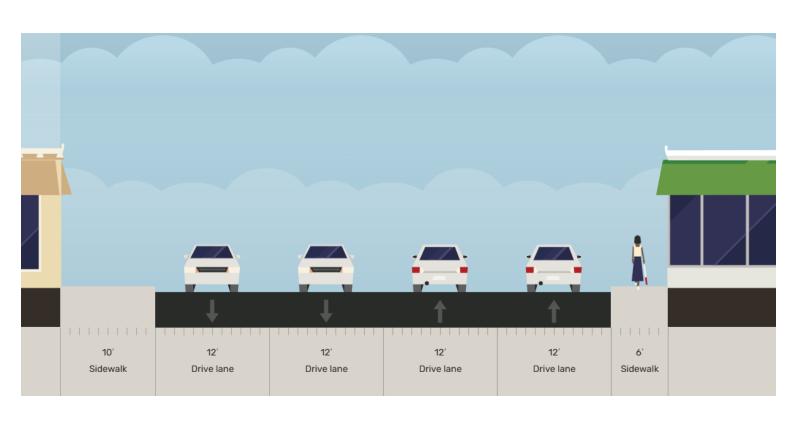
#### **Purpose and Need**

- Project Purpose
  - Improve safety and mobility for all roadway users along Route 33 from Wayside Road to Route 71
- Project Need
  - Numerous intersections and segments in need of safety improvements
  - Crash rate is 3 to 6 times the statewide average
  - Several crash types are significantly overrepresented
  - 29 Bicycle and Pedestrian crashes in 5-year period
  - Pedestrian and bicycle activity throughout entire corridor



# **Preliminary Preferred Alternative**

- Maintain Existing Curb Lines, Existing Road Diet and Parking
- Eastbound Sidewalk
  - 5-ft to 6-ft Wide
  - 0-ft to 3-ft Buffer Strip
- Westbound Multi-Use Path
  - 10-ft Wide Asphalt Path
  - 0-ft to 4-ft Buffer Strip



#### **Corridor-Wide Improvements**

- Eastbound Sidewalk
- Eastbound Sidewalk and Curb Ramp Upgrades
- Westbound Multi-Use Path
- Striping, Signage and Median Islands
- Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPIs)
- Median Islands Removed
- Crosswalk Visibility Enhancements
  - High-Visibility Crosswalks
  - Enhanced Lighting
  - Enhanced Signing and Pavement Markings
- Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs)
- Speed Limit Reduction to 35 MPH

- → Wayside Road to Oxford Way
- → Oxford Way to Route 71
- → Wayside Road to Route 71
- → Walnut Street to Route 35
- → Signalized Intersections
- → Ridge Avenue to Route 71
- → All Signals and Side Streets

- → Mid-Block Crosswalks
- → Wayside Road to Wakefield Road

## Intersection Improvements (All Signals)

- Replace all traffic signals to meet current standards
- Install backplates
- Update yellow + all red change intervals and pedestrian clearance intervals to meet current standards
- Upgrade lighting to meet current standards



## **Specific Intersection Improvements**

- Walnut Street/Oak Drive
  - Install new crosswalks (no existing crosswalks)
  - Add rectangular rapid flashing beacon
  - Striping, signage and median islands to convert to right-in/right-out only
- Oxford Way
  - Add bus turn-out
  - Add lead phase for Route 33 EB approach to facilitate left turns
- Wakefield Road
  - Striping, signage, and concrete island to convert to right-in/right-out only
  - Remove the EB lane drop
- Jersey Shore University Medical Center
  - Add median islands for pedestrian refuge areas
  - Add rectangular rapid flashing beacon to the existing mid-block crossing



## Specific Intersection Improvements (cont.)

- Hamilton Avenue and Union Avenue
  - Striping and signage to convert to right-in/right-out only
- Route 35
  - Median island to remove left turns to and from Fisher Avenue
- Ridge Avenue and Atkins Avenue
  - Curb bump outs
- Memorial Drive
  - Install road diet on Memorial Drive to meet county plan and implement protected-permitted left turn phasing



## **Safety Benefits and Impacts**

Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities	New Sidewalk on eastbound side New Shared Use Path on westbound side High-visibility crosswalks at all intersections Pedestrian refuge island at Jersey Shore Medical Center Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons
Traffic Operations	Maintain existing lane configuration between Wayside Road and Route 35 Conversion of Wakefield Rd, Hamilton Ave and Union Ave to right-in/right-out
On-Street Parking	Maintains on-street parking Curb bump-outs at Ridge Ave and Atkins Ave

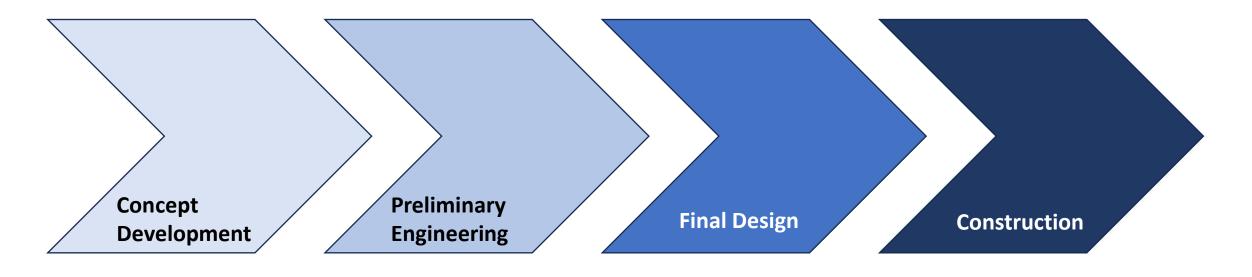
# **PPA Impacts**

Access	13 driveways impacted 15 parking spots impacted
Right of Way	42 partial property acquisitions 1.66 acres
Utilities	217 impacts 70-80 pole relocations
Stormwater Management	Classified as Major Development Stormwater Management measures proposed along corridor
Construction Cost	\$20 Million to \$35 Million

#### Constructability

- Maintain bicycle and pedestrian facilities during construction
  - Existing sidewalk along majority of corridor
  - Maintain sidewalk or shared use path in one direction while constructing facilities on opposite side
  - Posted pedestrian detour signing
- Majority of construction will be off-road facilities

## **Project Schedule**



Complete: Winter 2026

e: Begin: 2026\*

Complete: 2028

Begin: 2028\*

**Complete: 2031** 

Begin: 2031\*

<sup>\*</sup>Contingent on programming authority

#### **Public Feedback**

• Please submit comments using the form on the website:

https://route-33-wayside.mccormicktaylor.com

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