



## Virtual Public Information Center

Bay Avenue, Bridge over Mill Creek  
Stafford, Ocean County  
August 3 to August 13, 2026

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), committed to developing transportation improvements that best balance transportation needs, the environment, community concerns and costs, will hold a **Virtual Public Information Center (PIC)** to provide local residents, public officials, and the business community with information on the **Bay Avenue, Bridge over Mill Creek replacement** project. You are encouraged to actively participate by providing comments by mail or e-mail.

### THE MEETING

The PIC will be held virtually **August 3, 2026 through August 13, 2026** and may be accessed at the following website:

[www.BayAvenueBridgeoverMillCreek.com](http://www.BayAvenueBridgeoverMillCreek.com)

You will have an opportunity to review the presentation, exhibits of the relevant items, submit questions, and leave feedback through the website, via email, or by mail. From August 14, 2026 through September 3, 2026, questions or comments may be submitted to the email address or mailing address listed below. Property owners with rental units are advised that tenants are also invited and encouraged to participate.

### BACKGROUND

The purpose of the project is to replace the existing bridge to improve the condition of the bridge deck and substructure. The bridge is located 0.1 miles east of Route 9. It is a 31-foot single span steel encased structure. The bridge was built in 1929. Mill Creek is non-tidal and non-navigable at this location as the bridge is located approximately 4.6 miles from the mouth of Mill Creek, which empties into Barnegat Bay.

### THE PROPOSED PROJECT

The Preliminary Preferred Alternative (PPA) for the project includes the following:

- The bridge, which is in poor condition, will be replaced with a 35-foot hydraulic opening single span precast concrete rigid frame with a ultra-high performance concrete overlay.
- The new bridge will accommodate two 12-foot through lanes, varying shoulders (minimum 8 and a half feet) in both directions, a varying gore section, and a 6-foot sidewalk on both sides.

- Construction will utilize Accelerated Bridge Construction (ABC) strategies to minimize construction duration and perform the work in off season timing restrictions.
- The proposed foundation will be a deep foundation.
- Aerial public utilities and gas utilities will be relocated.

### TRAFFIC CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS

The Bay Avenue bridge replacement will be performed using ABC techniques during a two staged bridge replacement. Westbound traffic will be maintained at all times. The offseason eastbound traffic detour will utilize the Stafford Square jughandle light and Route 72, a 1.4-mile detour of approximately 4 minutes at peak PM travel times. A westbound truck detour will be required in Stage 2, which will be finalized in coordination with adjacent projects during preliminary and final design. Pedestrian access will be maintained throughout construction. The expected construction duration will be approximately 9 months, with each stage lasting approximately 4.5 months.

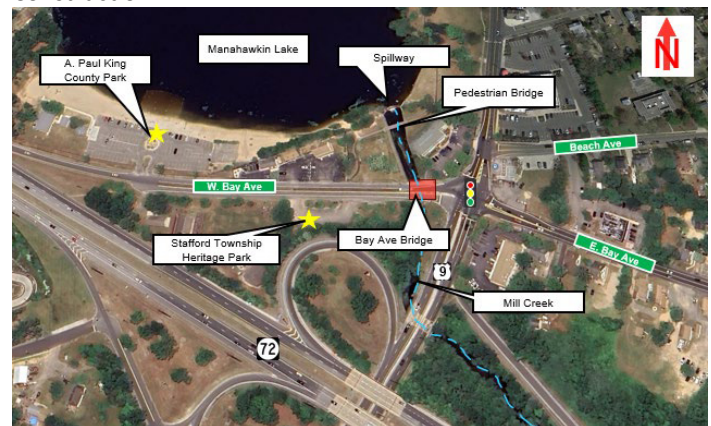
### PROJECT SCHEDULE

Complete Concept Development: 2026

Preliminary Engineering: TBD

Final Design: TBD

Construction: TBD



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