

# **Virtual Open House Presentation**



Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission



# To Ask Questions During the Virtual Open House



# Panelists will answer project questions through the Q&A Feature at the end of the presentation

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# **Bridge Characteristics**

- Double cantilever truss with 50' suspended span
  - 125'-300'-125' Spans
- Originally constructed in 1895-1896
- Sole existing through-type cantilever eyebar bridge in the US serving vehicular traffic
- Significant repairs in 1957 to address historic 1955 flood damage
- Prior rehabilitations in 1990 & 2001-2002
- Currently load posted for 3 tons
- 2019 Average daily traffic 17,000 vehicles (Pre-COVID)
- 2020 Average daily traffic 15,100 vehicles (COVID)

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#### **Project Purpose**

- Commission's commitment to maintaining its bridges in a state of good repair
- Extend bridge's service life to Easton and Phillipsburg communities
- Conduct work to mitigate possible service disruptions for at least 15 years

#### Project Limits





# **Existing Bridge Conditions**

1795-1895

- Overall Fair Condition
- Safe for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic
- Entire structure inspected biannually (every two years) by the Commission
- Annual inspections of critical components
- Special rehabilitation inspection performed 2020



## **Existing Bridge Conditions - Substructure**



Abutment











End Pylon



#### Masonry Wingwall



Retaining Wall

## **Existing Bridge Conditions - Superstructure**



Paint System Deterioration





**Corrosion and Section Losses** 



## **Existing Bridge Conditions - Superstructure**



Misaligned Components



#### **Existing Bridge Conditions - Superstructure**





Failed Anchor Bolts

**Cracked Bracing Elements** 



## **Existing Conditions – Bridge/Approach Sidewalk**



Settled Approach Sidewalks



Cracked Sidewalk Panels



Worn Walkway Surface



## **Proposed Rehabilitation Items**

- Clean and paint entire superstructure
- Replace joint mortar on abutments/piers/walls
- Reconstruct end pylons/walls
- Repair various structural steel truss elements
- Replace sidewalk decking
- Replace concrete approach sidewalks
- Replace existing electrical services and back-up generator
- Replace existing Highway/Sidewalk Lighting
- Replace existing Architectural Lighting

## **Sidewalk Deck Replacement**

- Closed Cell Foam Fiber Reinforced Polymer (FRP) Panels
- Improved Connections to Allow Thermal Movement
- Enhanced Skid Resistance











# **Highway/Sidewalk Lighting**

- Current metal-halide lights are nearing the end of their rated service life
- Replace with LED lights
  - Similar aesthetics to existing
  - Energy efficient
  - Extended rated life
- Replace existing mounting brackets and poles with similar equipment
- Maintain the historic aesthetic and compatibility with surrounding roadway lighting from Easton and Phillipsburg





- Replace current inoperative profile lighting with programmable LED system
- Advanced lighting control
  - Allow for dimming to conserve energy
  - Extend rated life of the lighting equipment
- Lighting Articulation
  - Warm white default lighting to highlight existing bridge
  - Programmable color displays for special events and occasions
- Profile lighting would highlight bridge's unique structural design





- Organizations can request temporary color displays for major civic events and historic federal, state, and local anniversaries
  - Online page for requests will be created on Commission's website
- Lower Trenton Toll-Supported Bridge sign lighting opportunities example
  - <u>http://www.drjtbc.org/bridge-info/trenton-</u> makes-the-world-takes-sign
- Pre-programmed annual lighting display schedule will be created









#### <sup>©</sup>Lights at 100%





# <sup>a</sup>Lights Dimmed to 50%















#### **Staging – Maintenance and Protection of Traffic – Stage 1**

Long Term Lane Restrictions Permitted March 15 – November 18, 2022 and March 15 – April 19, 2023



#### **TYPICAL SECTION STAGE 1**

One Sidewalk will always remain open



#### **Example of Work Zone from Previous Rehabilitation**





#### Staging – Maintenance and Protection of Traffic – Stage 2

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#### **TYPICAL SECTION STAGE 2**

One Sidewalk will always remain open



#### Staging – Maintenance and Protection of Traffic – Stage 3

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#### **TYPICAL SECTION STAGE 3**





# Thank you!

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CommunityAffairs@drjtbc.org Emailed Questions must be received by Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>

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