

Advisory



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April 23rd event will offer the public a chance to learn about proposed improvements at GSP Interchange 109

The New Jersey Turnpike Authority will host a Public Information Center in Middletown to present information about proposed improvements to Garden State Parkway Interchange 109. The event will be held from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 23rd, in the Middletown Public Library Community Room, 55 New Monmouth Road, Middletown.

Representatives of the Authority will be on hand at the event to explain the proposed improvements to individuals or small groups. Interested drivers, residents and other stakeholders are invited to drop by any time during the event to look at the displays and ask questions.

Interchange 109 is the connection between the Garden State Parkway and Newman Springs Road (CR 520). During peak travel periods, congestion causes traffic exiting onto northbound Newman Springs Road to back up from the exit ramp onto the northbound Parkway.

The improvements proposed for the interchange include reconfiguring several intersections on Newman Springs Road; eliminating the existing eastbound jug handle at Half Mile Road; constructing an eastbound entrance loop ramp and bridge over Newman Springs Road to the northbound Parkway; adding lanes to Newman Springs Road; and replacing four functionally obsolete Parkway bridges over Newman Springs Road to accommodate the new lanes.

The Authority is required to perform an environmental analysis and submit an Environmental Impact Statement to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. Input offered by members of the public at the Public Information Center will be incorporated into that document.