

## Toms River Waterfront & Surrounding Area Local Concept Development Study

Questions and Answers from Public Meeting #2 (April 8, 2020)

**Q1:** *What is the County and Townships position of support for Concept 3?*

**A1:** *The County is very satisfied of the configuration and elements included in Concept 3. The modern roundabout and intersection improvements address safety and reduces congestion throughout the area. The Township is pleased as the proposed improvements included in Concept 3 provide for the anticipated redevelopment and we look forward to progressing Concept 3 into the next phase of the project by using the BUILD Grant funding.*

**Q2:** *Will there be any takings of properties or knocking down buildings as part of this project?*

**A2:** *No, this project will not be taking any buildings but there may be impacts to some driveways within the project area.*

**Q3:** *Is there going to be an elevation difference between the existing and proposed improvements?*

**A3:** *We hope to elevate Herflicker Blvd to the maximum extent possible. The BUILD Grant anticipates this work. However, we may be limited in how much we can feasibly elevate Herflicker Blvd. This will be further investigated as part of Preliminary Engineering (PE) and Final Design (FD) phases.*

**Q4:** *How would the proposed roundabout affect traffic at Water Street and Lein Street?*

**A4:** *Due to the traffic calming effect of the roundabout we believe traffic movements at Lein Street will be easier as traffic will be approaching more slowly than in it's previous condition. Additionally, the intersection of Water Street and Lein Street is not being reconfigured and will function as it currently does in it's existing condition.*

**Q5:** *How will pedestrian traffic cross Water Street to get to Huddy Park?*

**A5:** *We are not removing the existing crosswalks or sidewalks that provide pedestrian access to Huddy Park. As the project progresses into PE and FD we believe changes to the traffic signal phasing at Water Street/RT 166 will be looked at and analyzed from the perspective of pedestrians.*

**Q6:** *Concept 3 no longer proposes a one-way Loop Concept Plan?*

**A6:** *As part of this project, we evaluated and investigated various Loop Concepts. However, we found that the one-way pairs could not handle the traffic volumes during the AM and PM hours as needed. Eastbound traffic looking to go north to Washington Street or East to Hooper Avenue would bottleneck at the stop sign at RT 166 NB.*

**Q7:** *Will the far right through-lane at WB Water Street be widened as part of Concept 3?*

**A7:** *Concept 3 does not propose any changes to the lane widths at that location but this is certainly something that can be further looked at as part of the next phases in this project.*

**Q8:** *How will the entrance and exist be added to the new proposed building at Water Street?*

**A8:** *The proposed building at the lower Irons Street Municipal Parking Lot (where Red Carpet Inn used to be) has proposed various access points. The access points will function almost identical to how they do in the existing condition. The proposed building has been designed around the access points to provide access to residents to get to the Toms River Bus Terminal easily by using the 2-way section of Herflicker Blvd.*

**Q9:** *Will you be able to head north on Irons Street from Herflicker Blvd?*

**A9:** *No, Irons Street will remain a one-way section between Water Street and Herflicker Blvd. The favorite vehicular traffic move will be to make a left onto Adafre Ave then a left onto Irons Street at the Water Street/Irons Street intersection.*

**Q10:** *Was a traffic study considered to understand the influx of people caused by the proposed building at Water Street?*

**A10:** *Yes, as part of our analysis we studied the build-out scenario of the entire waterfront area and looked at the anticipated traffic volumes created by the future development as outlined in the Waterfront Area Redevelopment Plan.*

**Q11:** *Will be there consideration and coordination with Toms River to do their own study before a final decision is made on the proposed improvements?*

**A11:** *There has been coordination as part of this project with both Toms River and South Toms River. The next phases of this project will be undertaken by Toms River and they will ultimately decide the direction of the project during those phases. Toms River is going to release an RFP for this project soon and anticipates working closely with Ocean County on County owned roadways. From the County's*

*perspective, this study was intended to evaluate the roadway network and provide a framework on improvements on County roadways that best served both the County and the Town if they choose so to do.*

