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Virtual Public Information Center

Construction of CR 539 Overpass (Structure No. 1523-031), Whiting-New Egypt Road over Ridge Way at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst September 8, 2025 through September 21, 2025

Ocean County, committed to developing transportation improvements that best balance transportation needs, the environment, community concerns, and costs, is holding a Virtual Public Information Center (PIC) to provide local residents and businesses with information about the **Construction of CR 539 Overpass (Structure No. 1523-031), Whiting-New Egypt Road over Ridge Way at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst** project. You are encouraged to actively participate by reviewing the information on the project website and providing comments via the website comment form, via e-mail, or via mail.

The Presentation

To reach as many people as possible, this Public Information Center will be conducted virtually. Please visit the following website at a time that is convenient for you between September 8, 2025 and September 21, 2025:

www.cr539atJBMDL.com

On the website, you will have an opportunity to review a prerecorded presentation and general project information, submit questions, and/or leave feedback. If you are unable to view the website but are interested in learning about this project, please contact us at the telephone number or e-mail address listed on this flyer.

Background

Whiting-New Egypt Road (CR 539) currently bisects Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (JBMDL) in the Townships of Plumsted and Jackson, Ocean County, NJ. JBMDL has several private roadways and driveways that intersect with CR 539. Active military activities crossing the County roadway result in undue impacts to civilian vehicular traffic and military operations. The purpose of this project is to improve JBMDL operations crossing CR 539, reduce travel delays to the general public, and improve roadway safety for all users.

The Project

During the Local Concept Development Phase of the project, one no-build and three build alternatives were identified and assessed. The Preliminary Preferred Alternative (PPA) selected consists of providing grade separation by elevating CR 539 and constructing a new overpass bridge over Ridge Way (a military pathway). The raising of the approach roadways in the vicinity of the bridge will be accomplished with long retaining walls on either side of the roadway. The project also includes linear swales/basins along each side of the roadway to manage stormwater. That PPA is currently being advanced through preliminary design.

Construction Staging

The proposed bridge is planned to be installed offline of the existing roadway (constructed to the west). One lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained on the existing roadway throughout construction and will be transferred to the newly constructed bridge and approach roadways once completed. Limited temporary nighttime closures may be required for final paving and switchover activities.

Estimated Project Schedule

- Local Concept Development Phase: Completed
- Local Preliminary Engineering Phase: Ongoing
- Final Design Phase: Starting Jan 2026
- Construction Phase: Starting Oct 2026

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