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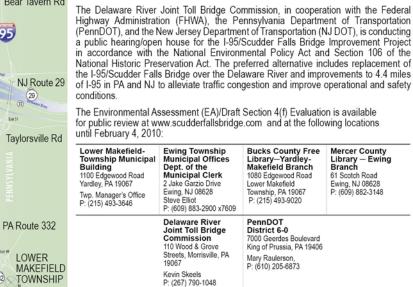
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APROVEMENT PROJECT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING & ENVIRONMENTAL

ASSESSMENT/DRAFT SECTION 4(f) EVALUATION

Written comments on the EA/Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation should be submitted to Kevin Skeels at the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission above or via email to scudderfallsbridgeEAcomments@hntb.com by February 4, 2010. Written and oral comments may also be submitted at the public hearing.

### PUBLIC HEARING/OPEN HOUSE:

Location: Villa Victoria Academy, 376 West Upper Ferry Road, Ewing, NJ | Date: Tues., January 19, 2010, Open House-5:00 p.m. Public Hearing-7:00 p.m.

Location: Sheraton Bucks County Hotel, 400 Oxford Valley Road, Langhorne, PA | Date: Wed., January 20, 2010, Open House-5:00 p.m. | Public Hearing-7:00 p.m.

On each evening an informal open house will begin at 5:00 pm during which project information will be on display and project staff will be available. The formal public hearing will begin at 7:00 pm on each evening. The meeting locations are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you require special assistance to attend and/or participate in this meeting or need additional information please contact Mary Raulerson at (610) 205-6873. In addition, if you or another individual with whom you are familiar does not speak English as their primary language and who has limited ability to read, write, speak or understand English desires to participate in this meeting or needs additional information, contact Mary Raulerson at (610) 205-8873. Pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, PennDOT does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability. If you feel that you have been denied the benefits of, or participation in a PennDOT program or activity, you may contact the PennDOT Bureau of Equal Opportunity, DBE/Title VI Division at (717) 787-5891 or (800) 468-4201

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## **OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR BRIDGE PROJECT**

he Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission and its consultant team recently completed the Environmental Assessment/Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation [EA/Draft 4(f)] for the proposed I-95/Scudder Falls Bridge Improvement Project. The EA/Draft 4(f) is a detailed study of the project's Preferred Alternative, other design alternatives, and their potential impacts on the environment and local communities. The EA/Draft 4(f) is available for public review during the public comment period at several locations (see back) in Lower Makefield and Ewing townships. It is also available on the project website at www.scudderfallsbridge.com. The public comment period begins on December 9, 2009 and concludes on February 4, 2010. A Public Hearing/Open House will be held on January 19, 2010 (in New Jersey) and January 20, 2010 (in Pennsylvania) to provide information about the proposed improvements and to provide an opportunity for public comment on the EA/Draft 4(f).

The key elements of the Preferred Alternative include: the addition of one travel lane in each direction on I-95 from PA 332 to the NJ Route 29 interchange (widening in the median in Pennsylvania), reconstruction and improvements to the Taylorsville Road interchange, and the reconstruction and reconfiguration of the NJ Route 29 interchange including the introduction of two roundabouts along NJ Route 29. The Preferred Alternative includes the total replacement of the Scudder Falls Bridge with a new bridge containing three travel lanes in each direction, two auxiliary lanes in the northbound direction, and one

auxiliary lane in the southbound direction. The improvements also include the construction of over three miles of soundwalls in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Over the past six and a half years, the Commission and the consultant team have worked with their partners in local, state, and federal agencies to refine the alternatives for the Scudder Falls Bridge and I-95 as well as the interchanges at Taylorsville Road and NJ Route 29. These improvements will reduce congestion on the bridge and approach roadways, improve safety, and address the aging of the Scudder Falls Bridge. In addition, many coordination meetings were held with state and federal environmental and cultural resource agencies to address potential environmental impacts and mitigation strategies. The EA/Draft 4(f) is endorsed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, and the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

### **Project Schedule**

The EA/Draft 4(f) is available for public review and comment, and a Public Hearing/Open House is scheduled for January. All comments received during the public comment period will be considered by the FHWA in reaching its final decision on the environmental documents. Final design is scheduled to begin in 2010. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2011 and take three to four years to complete. For questions regarding the project, please call the project hotline at (800) 879-0849.