The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), committed to developing transportation improvements that best balance transportation needs, the environment, community concerns, and cost, will hold a Public Information Center to inform local residents and business owners about the U.S. Route 46, East Main Street (CR 644) / Woodstone Road to Route 80 Project in Denville Township and the Borough of Rockaway, Morris County. You are encouraged to actively participate by providing comments at the meeting, by mail, or by e-mail.

THE MEETING
The Public Information Center will be held on Monday, March 26, 2018 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Denville Town Hall, 1 St. Mary’s Place, Denville, NJ. You will have an opportunity to review exhibits of the project, ask questions and discuss any concerns with NJDOT representatives. If you are unable to attend, but are interested in learning about this project, please contact us at the e-mail or phone number listed below. Property owners with rental units are advised that tenants are invited and are encouraged to participate in the process.

PROJECT BACKGROUND
U.S. Route 46 in the Township of Denville and Borough of Rockaway is a Land Service Highway providing one lane of travel in each direction between Route 80 and Broad Street. A four lane section (two lanes in each direction) extends from Broad Street to the western project limits. There is one signalized intersection at the western limit of the project (East Main Street (CR 644) / Woodstone Road).

A Transportation Problem Statement was initiated as a result of previous studies that identified U.S. Route 46 in the Township of Denville and the Borough of Rockaway to be a corridor with severe congestion, crash rates above the statewide average rates for similar roadways, older traffic signal equipment that lack features that will respond to fluctuating traffic demands, capacity issues at select intersections and segments, and access management issues. This segment of U.S. Route 46 has been identified as being in need of improvements to address these issues.

PROJECT PURPOSE
The overall purpose of the U.S. Route 46, East Main Street (CR 644) / Woodstone Road to Route 80 Project is to improve operations, enhance safety and reduce congestion within the project limits.

PRELIMINARY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE
The PPA proposes to widen U.S. Route 46 in the eastbound direction from Woodstone Road to Route 80. From Woodstone Road to Broad Street, US Route 46 will be widened to provide 15-foot wide outside lane widths and an exclusive left turn lane at Broad Street. From Broad Street to Route 80, U.S. Route 46 will be widened to provide a continuous two-way left-turn lane from Broad Street to just east of Cisco Road. Existing lane configurations - one (1) 12-foot wide travel lane with an 8-foot wide outside shoulder in each direction - will be maintained. Broad St. will be realigned to be more perpendicular with U.S. Route 46. At the signalized intersection of East Main Street (CR 644) / Woodstone Road / U.S. Route 46, East Main Street will be widened to provide a channelized right turn onto U.S. Route 46 westbound. The existing signal will be replaced and curb ramps will be constructed for ADA compliance. Additional sidewalks and ADA compliant curb ramps will be constructed throughout the project limits.

The project is being designed to be constructed in stages to widen U.S. Route 46 and reconstruct the East Main Street (CR 644) / Woodstone Road intersection. It is expected that two-way traffic will be maintained during construction.