



WASHINGTON CROSSING BRIDGE ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS

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Informational Video on Washington Crossing Bridge’s Deficiencies Produced for Multi-Year Alternatives-Analysis Process

Data-Gathering Effort Guided by the National Environmental Policy Act Remains Underway

WASHINGTON CROSSING – The Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission (DRJTBC) today released an informational video identifying the Washington Crossing Toll-Supported Bridge’s abundant structural, operational, and safety deficiencies that are the underpinning of a multi-year environmental review to determine a possible future course of action for the aging, narrow bridge.

The nearly five-minute-long video was produced for the Washington Crossing Bridge Alternatives Analysis, which began in August 2024 and is being conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The video has been posted to the Commission’s YouTube channel and may be viewed at: <https://youtu.be/KRu1u1ZaVyw>.

The two-lane Washington Crossing Bridge links Mercer County, N.J. with Bucks County, PA. The steel-truss superstructure was constructed in 1905 for a former private company that charged tolls to cross it for its first 17 years of operation. The bridge was freed of tolls after passing into public hands in 1922.

Despite decades of government ownership and past rehabilitation efforts, the bridge is rife with inherent flaws – substandard design, 7.5-foot-wide travel lanes, a bare-minimum load rating, frequent vehicular collisions, and timber-crib foundations. The bridge, which predates the mass production of automobiles, has now reached the point where the DRJTBC needs to determine whether toll revenues collected at its eight toll bridges should again be spent on the outdated structure.

To facilitate that eventual decision point, the Commission launched an alternatives analysis process to thoroughly examine the Washington Crossing Bridge and develop a preferred alternative aimed at improving mobility and providing a safe and reliable reiver crossing for vehicles and pedestrians while ensuring the continued viability of businesses near the bridge.

The alternatives analysis has now reached a juncture where motorists, recreationists, business owners and other concerned parties can learn about the process and weigh in. Two public scoping sessions have been scheduled. The locations, dates, and times are as follows:

<p>The Crossing Church February 10 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. 1895 Wrightstown Road Washington Crossing, PA. 18977</p>	<p>Union Fire Company and Rescue Squad February 11 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. 1396 River Road Titusville, N.J. 08560</p>
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For more information on the Washington Crossing Bridge Alternatives Analysis, go to: www.washingtoncrossingbridge.com.

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