



## Public Information Center

### Route 35 from Barnegat Avenue to West Channel Way Safety Improvement Project

Lavallette and Toms River, Ocean County, New Jersey

July 13, 2026

3:00pm – 5:00pm (Lavallette) and 6:00pm – 8:00pm (Toms River)

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) is committed to developing transportation improvements that best balance transportation needs, the environment, community concerns, and costs. NJDOT is holding a **Public Information Center** to inform local residents, officials, and the businesses community about the **Route 35 from Barnegat Avenue to West Channel Way Safety Improvement Project** in Lavallette and Toms River, New Jersey. You are encouraged to actively participate by attending the meeting.

#### The Meeting

An in-person Public Information Center will be held for each municipality. During the meeting, you will have an opportunity to review exhibits, ask questions, leave feedback, and discuss with project team representatives. Property owners of rental units are advised that tenants are also invited and encouraged to participate.

- The in-person **Lavallette Meeting** will be held on Monday, July 13, 2026, at the Lavallette Municipal Building, located at 1306 Grand Central Avenue, Lavallette, NJ 08735, from 3:00pm to 5:00pm.
- The in-person **Toms River Meeting** will be held on Monday, July 13, 2026, at the Moose Lodge on Bay Boulevard, located at 1801 Bay Boulevard, Seaside Heights, NJ 08751, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

**Virtual Option** - NJDOT will also hold a Virtual Public Information Center at the following website:

<https://tinyurl.com/rt35safety>

Please visit anytime between July 13, 2026 through July 27, 2026 to learn about the project and leave feedback.

#### Project Background

Route 35 from Barnegat Avenue to West Channel Way, in Lavallette and Toms River, has experienced a high number of crashes in recent years.

The purpose of this project is to improve safety, mitigate crash risk for all modes of travel, and improve pedestrian and bicycle accommodations to ensure the corridor functions as a safe and reliable transportation facility.

As the study progresses, NJDOT will integrate data analysis, field observations, and community input to identify and evaluate improvements that enhance safety and better serve everyone who travels the corridor.

Areas being analyzed include:

- Pedestrian Crossings
- Traffic Signals
- Pavement Treatment
- Intersection Operations
- Parking and Bicycle Interaction
- Signage and Pavement Markings
- Pedestrian Crossing Warning Devices
- Bicycle Facilities
- Intersection Geometry
- Sidewalk Connectivity
- ADA Compliance
- Intersection Lighting Facilities

#### Anticipated Project Schedule

Concept Development – Complete 2027  
Preliminary Engineering – Complete 2029  
Final Design – Complete 2031  
Construction – Complete 2033

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