North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority Local Concept Development Study for Monmouth County Bridge S-32 on Rumson Road (CR520) over the Shrewsbury River Borough of Rumson and Borough of Sea Bright Public Information Center Meeting - February 27, 2012

**COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS SURVEY SUMMARY** 

PURPOSE AND NEED INPUT

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## Describe Bridge & Mobility Today

- · Critical node in local traffic pattern.
- · Coastal evacuation route and fire & ambulance route.
- · In summer, heavy delays when the bridge is open.
- · Congested 3 months a year.
- · No problems to my knowledge.
- Can be delayed at times, => impacts student transportation.
- · The bridge is showing its age.
- I use it almost every day and have experienced no "out of service" conditions.
- · Summer weekends can be difficult.
- In bridge area traffic, on and under, has increased dramatically past 10 years.
- Should have a bridge that operates faster and is less labor intensive (automatic gates / lights).
- · Same as the past 20 years.

## Key Issues

- Traffic delays + pedestrian safety.
- Access and safety for auto & ped traffic.
- · Keeping bridge open.
- Heavy seasonal traffic, decay of structure.
- · Boats / passengers under the bridge.
- · Access, safety and aesthetics.
- During summer, traffic slow down, people trying to get to beaches. (3- month period successfully managed by Sea Bright).
- Traffic tie up on RT 520/Rumson Rd in front of School entrances + exits when bridge is "up" especially in summer.
- · Do not see issues.

## **Expectations for Bridge Improvements**

- · Addition of bicycle lanes.
- Newer looking bridge with faster open/close times.
- · Absolute minimum of downtime.
- · Keeping the bridge open.
- \* Bridge maintenance done off-season at night.
- · Better traffic flow; bike lanes.
- If replaced, a similar configuration (no or limited interruption of traffic on waterway April October).
- Maintain current bridge as long as feasible. When replaced be sure approach on Rumson side doesn't take out open space/park on south side of Rumson Rd.
- Maintain and repair Bridge as needed (if replacement is necessary, we will support it).
- Parishioners and school parents must cross bridge coming to/leaving Holy Cross facilities.
- \* No changes.