

# Public Information Center Meeting

February 4, 2026, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Online

## Roadway Improvements to County Route 537 Corridor



*West Main Street Between Sentinel Road and U.S. Route 9 Interchange  
Township of Freehold, New Jersey  
Final Design Phase*



# PUBLIC MEETING PRESENTATION

## *ONLINE MEETING GUIDELINES*

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- Please keep all phones/mics on mute and cameras off during the presentation
- If possible, please submit questions in the Chat Box feature, located in upper margin, at any time during the presentation
- During Q&A after the presentation, questions and comments will be read aloud in order of receipt in the Chat Box and a Project Team member will respond
- If questions and comments in the Chat Box have been addressed, participants can use the Raise Hand feature and unmute to ask questions.
- Q&A will end around 7:55 pm for closing remarks
- The meeting will officially close at 8:00 pm
- This public meeting is being recorded and will post to the project website



# PUBLIC MEETING PRESENTATION

## *AGENDA*

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- Welcome and Introductions
- Project Location and Overview
- FD Phase - Roadway & Intersection Improvements Design
- Environmental and Cultural Resources
- Community Involvement and Public Outreach
- Question and Answer Session
- Next Steps
- Closing Remarks



# INTRODUCTIONS

## *PROJECT TEAM*

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### **Monmouth County**

- Joseph M. Ettore, PE - County Engineer
- Robert Strang-Wolf, PE - County Project Manager
- Michael Nei, PE - Assistant County Engineer
- Debby De Jong - County Environmental Engineer
- Matthew Nolan - County Real Estate Officer

### **Hardesty & Hanover (H&H) Team**

- Michael Swietanski, PE - H&H Project Manager
- Brian Medino, PE - H&H Deputy Project Manager
- Matthew Witkowski, PE - H&H Traffic Engineer
- Martine Culbertson - Community Involvement Facilitator, M. A. Culbertson, LLC
- Michael Gall - Principal Senior Archaeologist, RGA, Inc.
- Sue Quackenbush - Environmental Project Manager, Davey Resource Group

### **New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT)**

- Komila Pandit - NJDOT Local Aid Manager
- Kumudika Somaratna - NJDOT Local Aid Project Manager
- Tremaine Ward - NJDOT Local Aid Project Manager
- Sean Ream - NJDOT Environmental Project Manager
- Lindsay Thivierge - NJDOT Environmental Coordinator

### **North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA)**

- Sascha Frimpong - NJTPA Senior Director
- Sarbjit Kahlon, PE - NJTPA Project Manager



# PROJECT OVERVIEW

## SCHEDULE

PHASE	DATES	STATUS
Local Concept Development (LCD)	2011 - 2014	<b>Complete</b>
Local Preliminary Engineering (LPE)	2015 – 2019	<b>Complete</b>
<b>Final Design (FD)</b>	<b>2020 – 2026</b>	
Construction	2026 - 2028	

<b>FINAL DESIGN – PRELIMINARY PROJECT SCHEDULE (MAJOR MILESTONES)</b>	
Environmental Permits Secured	Spring 2021/Spring 2026
ROW Availability	Winter 2026
Completion of Final Design Phase	Spring 2026



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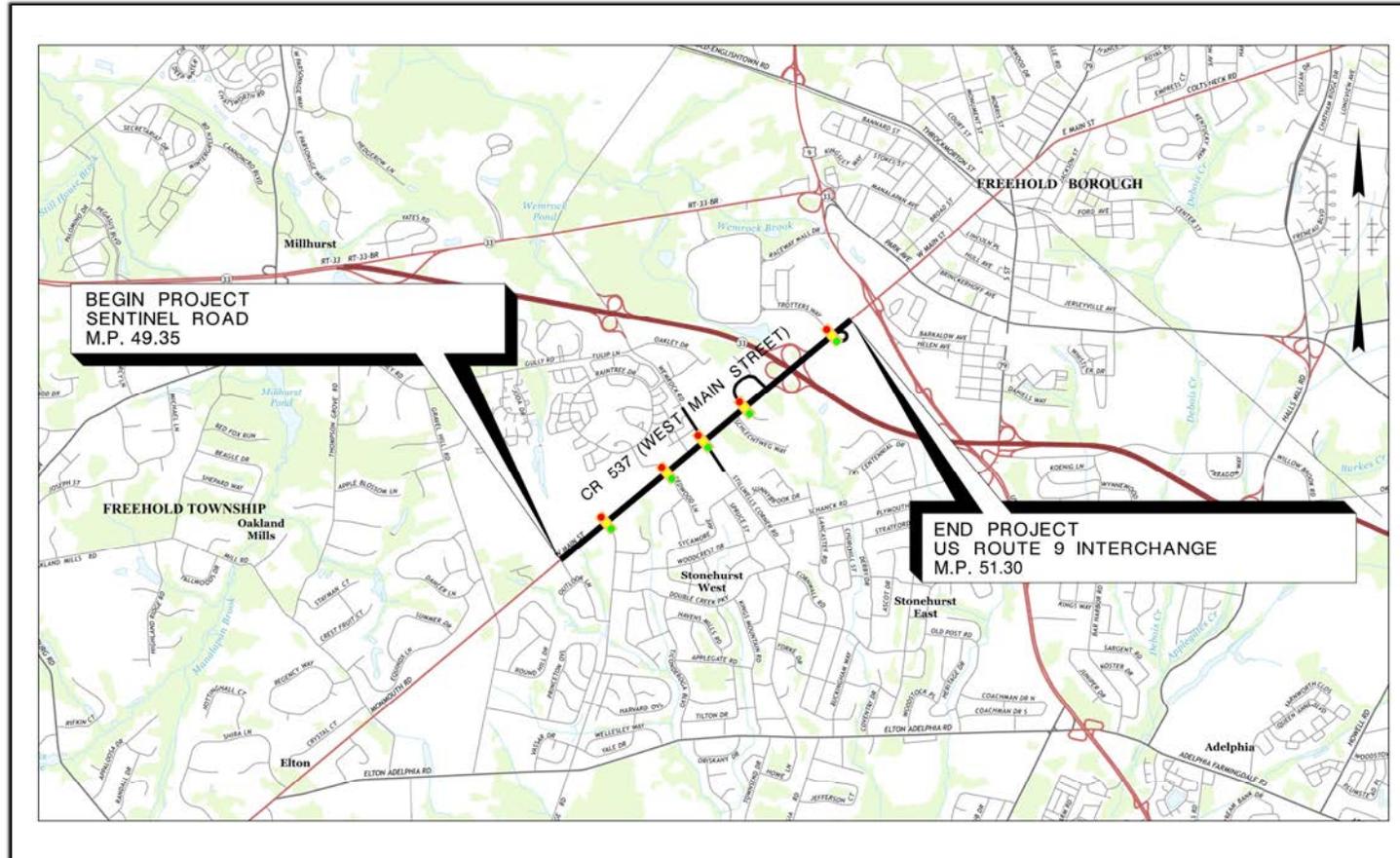
## NJTPA LOCAL CAPITAL PROJECT DELIVERY PROGRAM

Local Concept Development (LCD) <b>COMPLETED SPRING 2014</b>	Local Preliminary Engineering (LPE) <b>COMPLETED SPRING 2019</b>	Final Design (FD)/ Right of Way Acquisition <b>ANTICIPATED COMPLETION BY SPRING 2026</b>	Construction <b>ANTICIPATED 2026</b>
Purpose and Need Statement	Approved Design Exception Report	Construction Contract Documents and PS&E package	Construction of Improvements
Concept Development & Alternatives Analyses	Cost Estimates (Final Design, ROW and Construction)	Environmental Reevaluations	Continue Public Outreach
Selection of Preliminary Preferred Alternative (PPA)	Approved Environmental Document	Secure Environmental Permits	As-Builts
Environmental Screening Report & NEPA Classification	Preliminary Design	Acquisition of ROW	Update and Finalize Design Communications Report
Concept Development Report	Preliminary Engineering Report	Final Utility Relocation Schemes	Close-out Documentation
Initiate Public Outreach & Involvement	Continue Public Outreach & Involvement	Continue Public Outreach & Involvement	



# ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO COUNTY ROUTE 537 CORRIDOR

## *PROJECT LOCATION MAP*

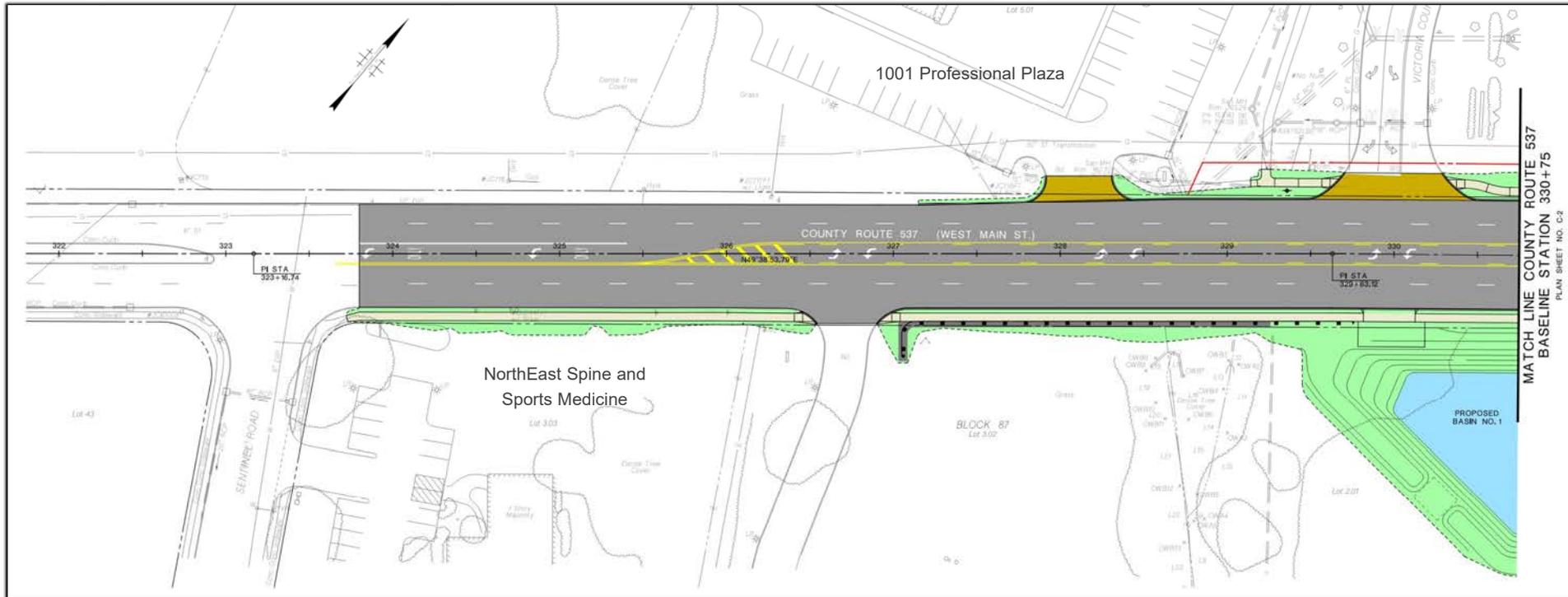


**Total Length of Project = 10,296 LF (1.95 Miles)**



# ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO COUNTY ROUTE 537 CORRIDOR

## ENGINEERING PLANS



Sentinel Road and CR 537

LEGEND	
	- PROPOSED PAVEMENT
	- PROPOSED BRIDGE SIDEWALK
	- PROPOSED DRIVEWAY
	- PROPOSED SIDEWALK
	- PROPOSED BASIN
	- LIMIT OF DISTURBANCE



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## ENGINEERING PLANS



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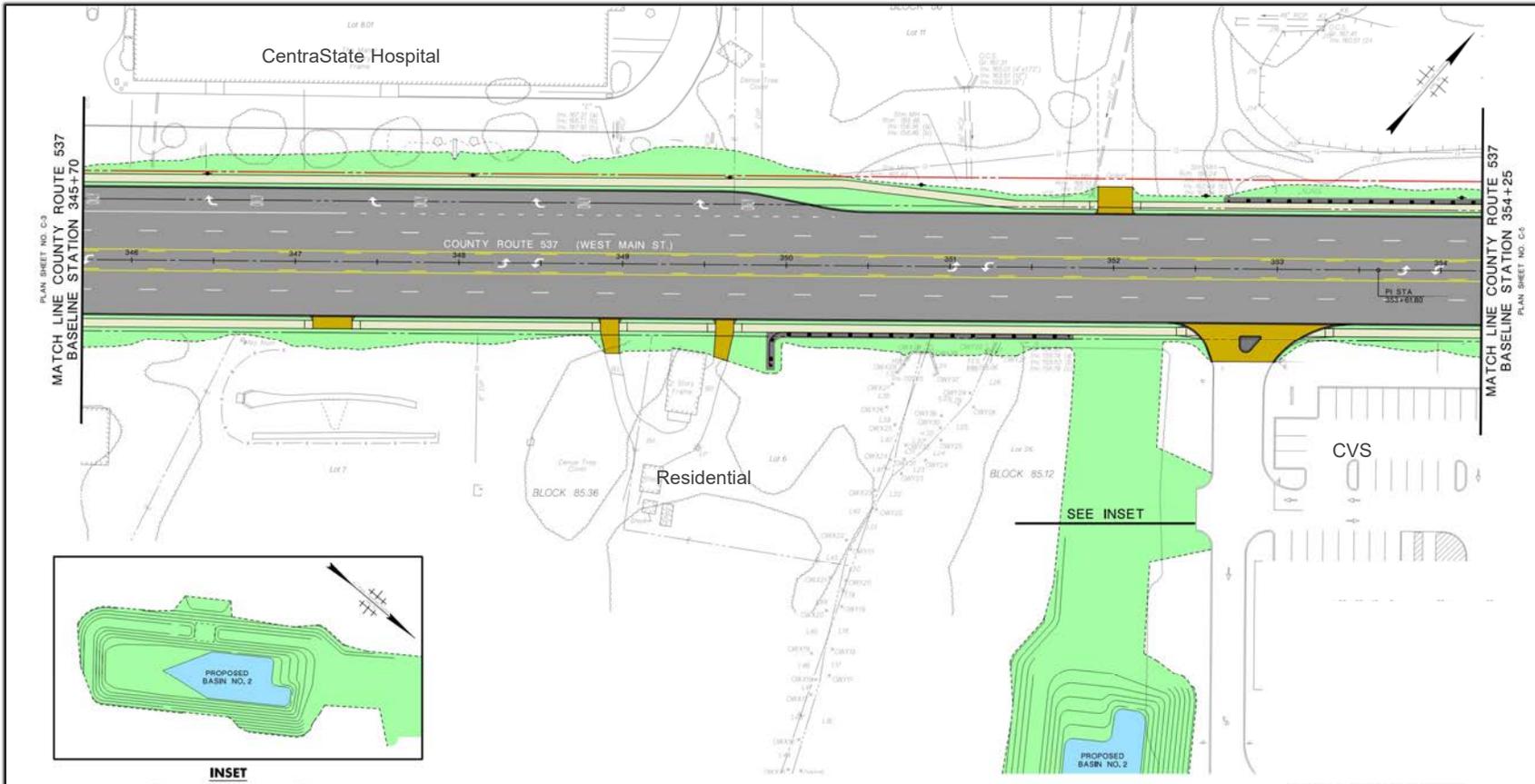


Iron Bridge Road / Hospital Drive and CR 537 intersection



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**Redwood Lane / Village Center Drive and CR 537 intersection**



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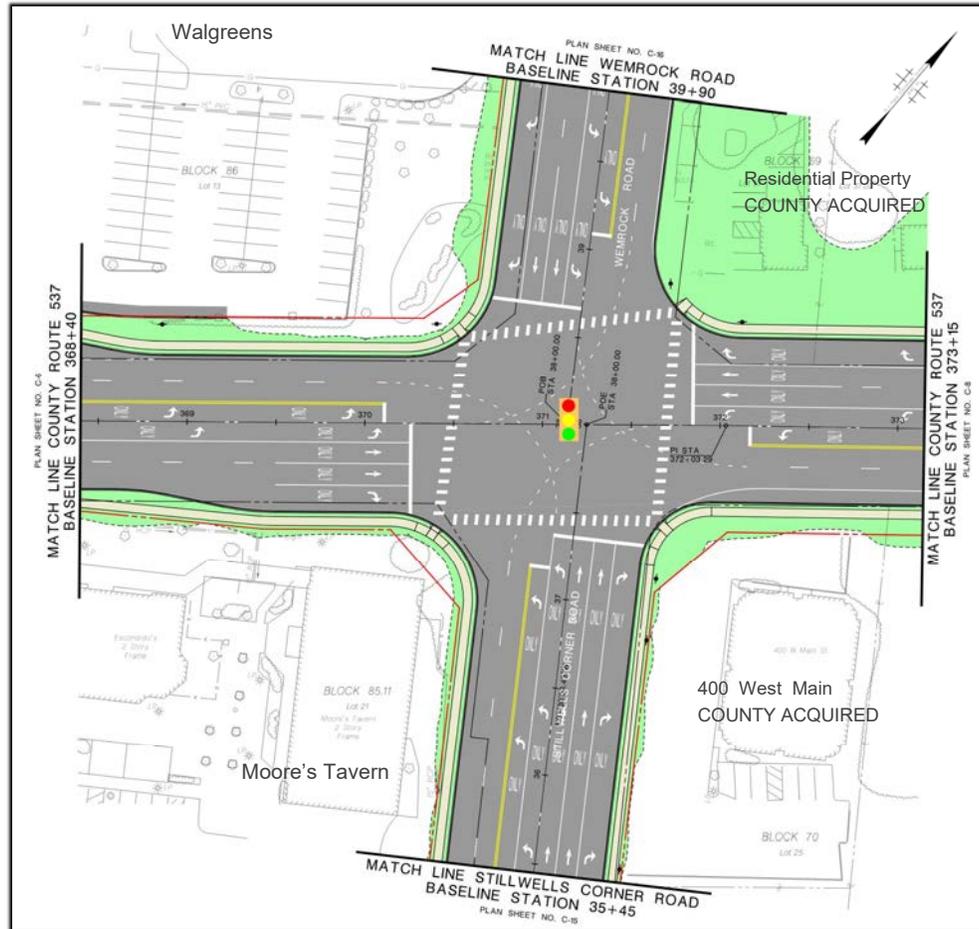


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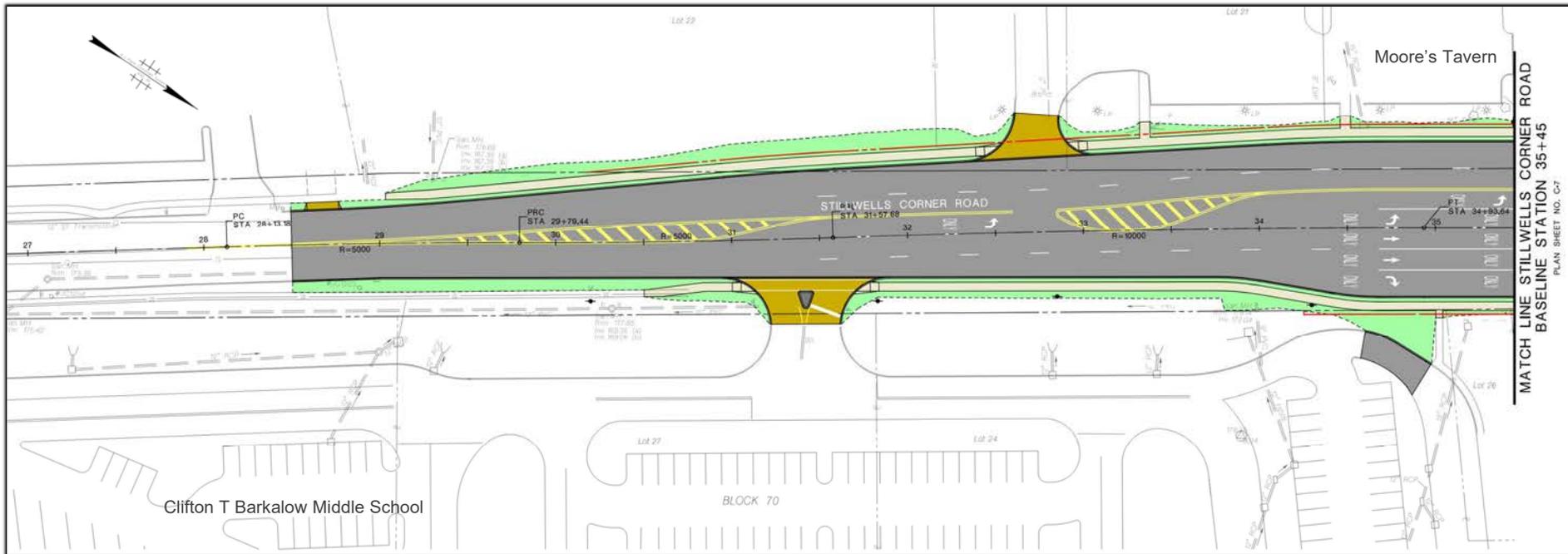


Stillwells Corner Road / Wemrock Road and CR 537 intersection



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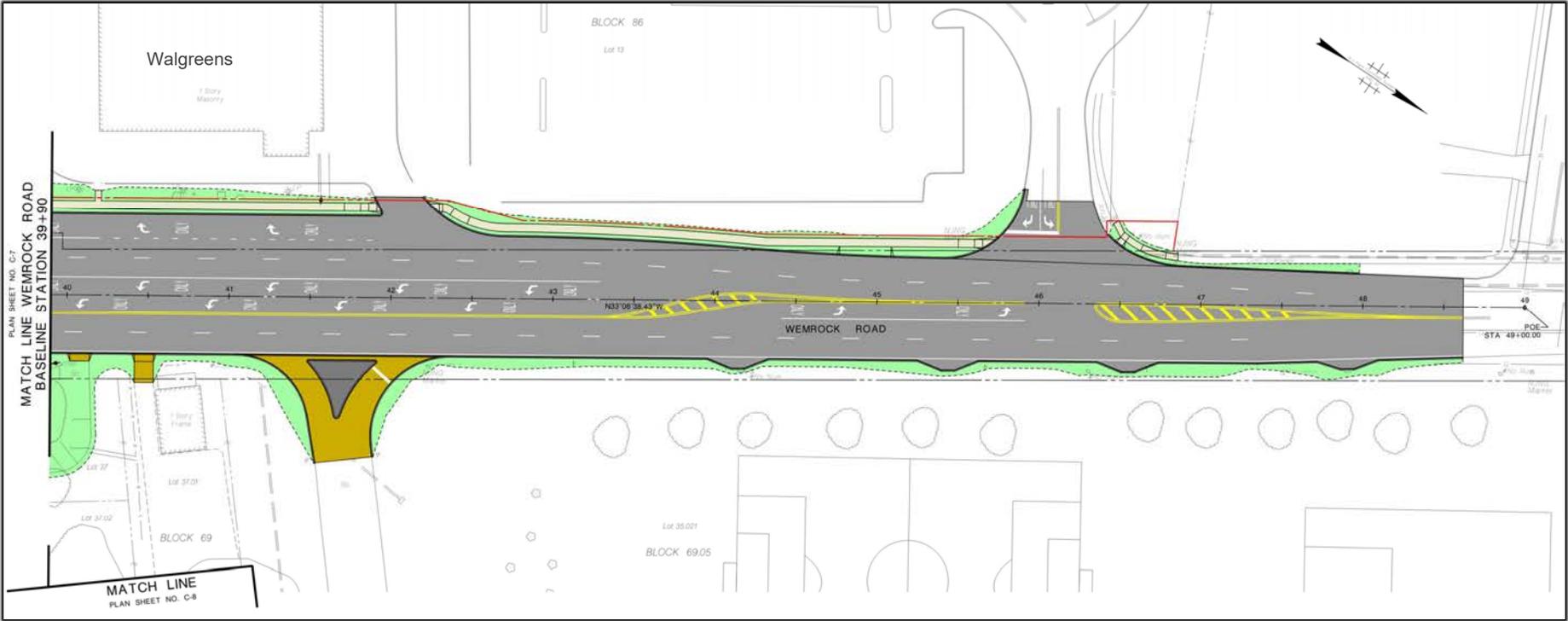


**Stillwells Corner Road**



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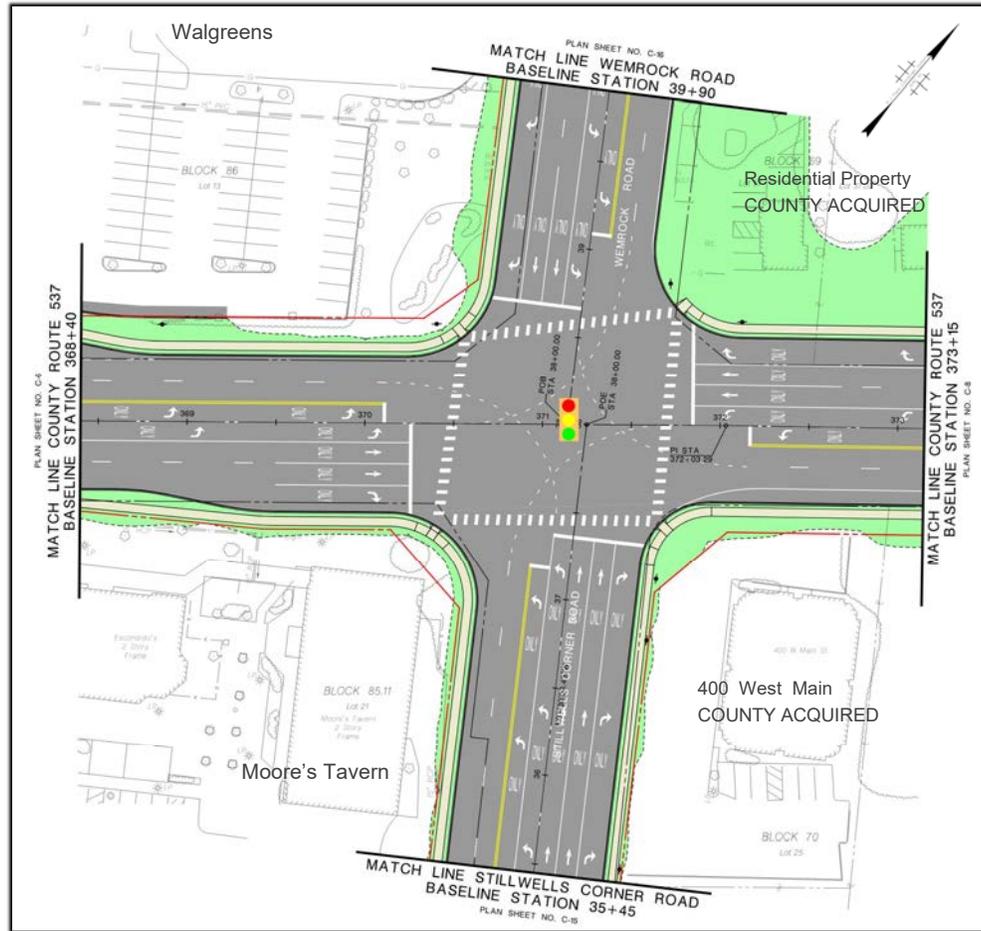


**Wemrock Road**



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Stillwells Corner Road / Wemrock Road and CR 537 intersection



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# ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO COUNTY ROUTE 537 CORRIDOR

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Castronova Way and CR 537 intersection



# ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO COUNTY ROUTE 537 CORRIDOR

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Gibson Place and CR 537 intersection



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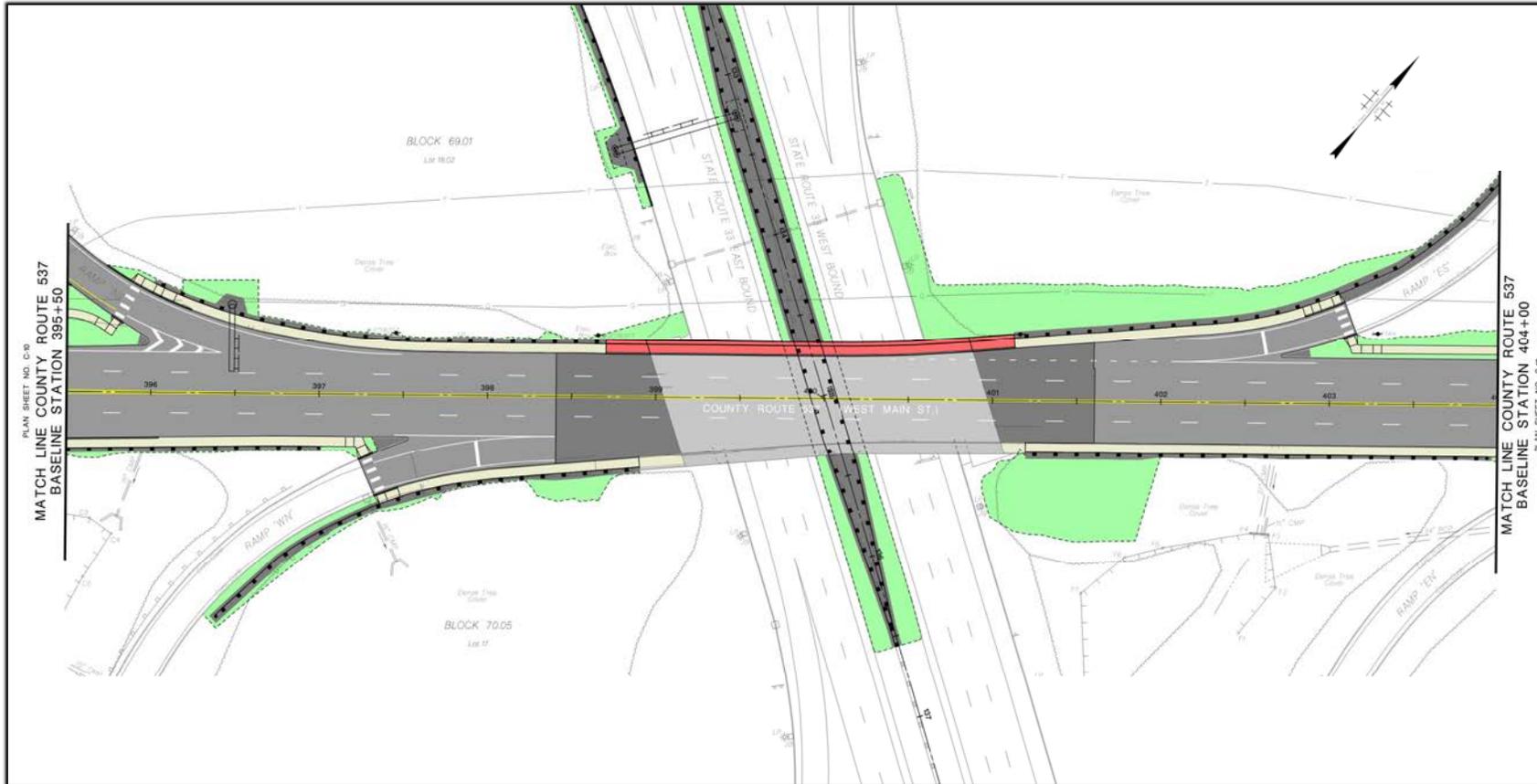


**Castronova Way and Gibson Place**



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## ENGINEERING PLANS



NJ Route 33 and CR 537 interchange



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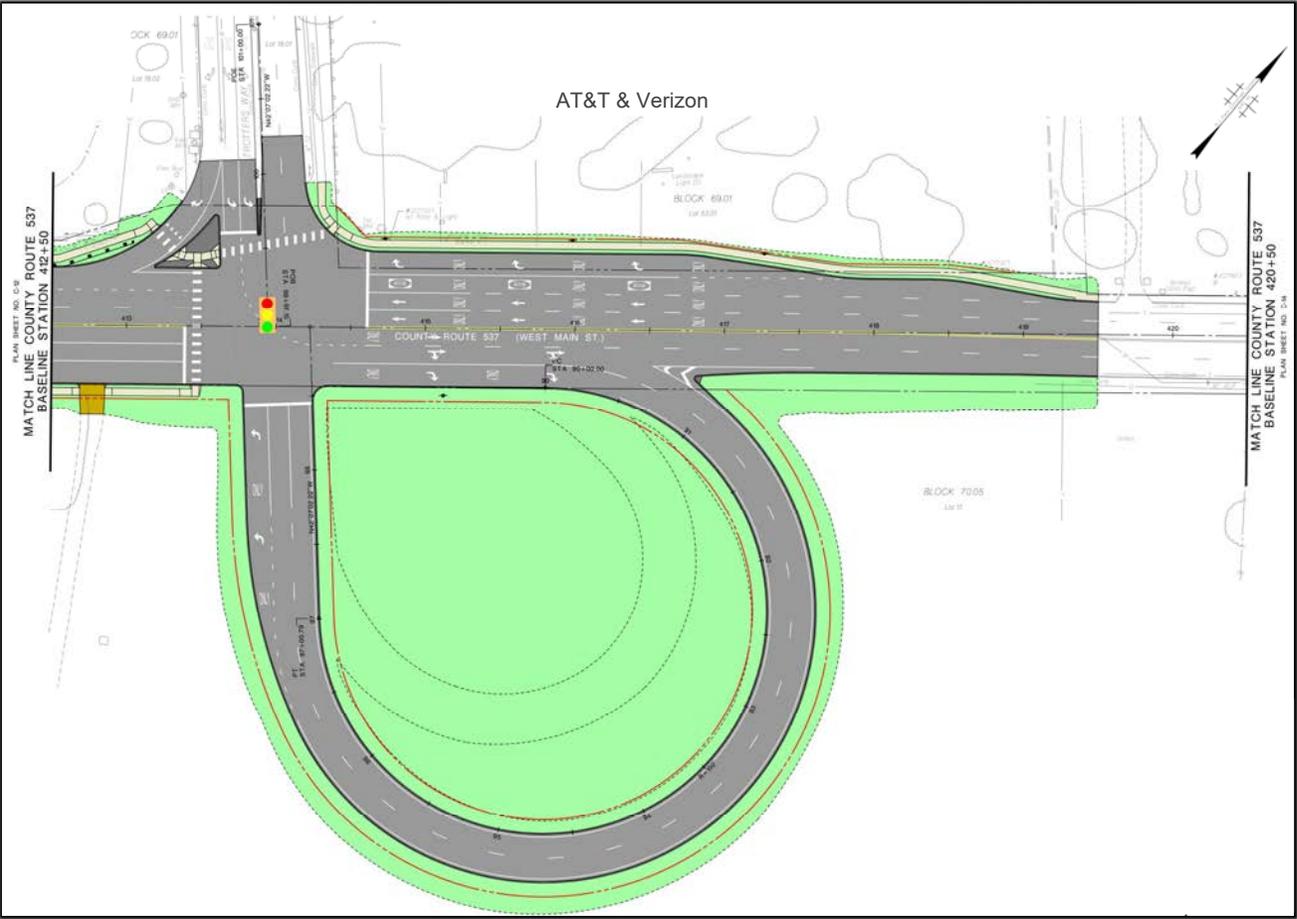


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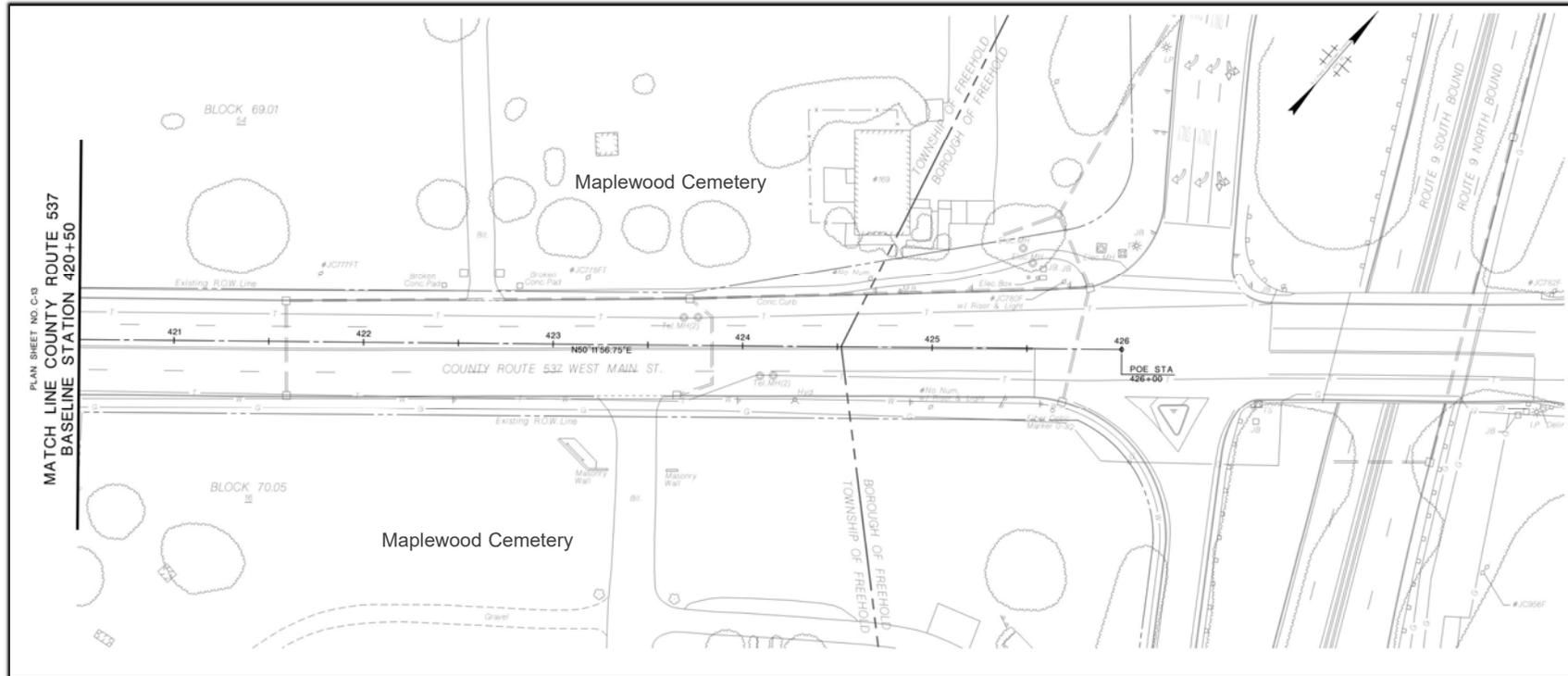


Trotters Way and CR 537 intersection



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# FINAL DESIGN PHASE

## *WORK EFFORT*

- Survey
- Geotechnical Borings
- Engineering Technical Design Plans
- Property Right-of-Way (ROW) Negotiations & Acquisitions
- Utility Coordination
- Construction Staging
- Environmental Permits & Approvals
- Community Involvement & Public Outreach



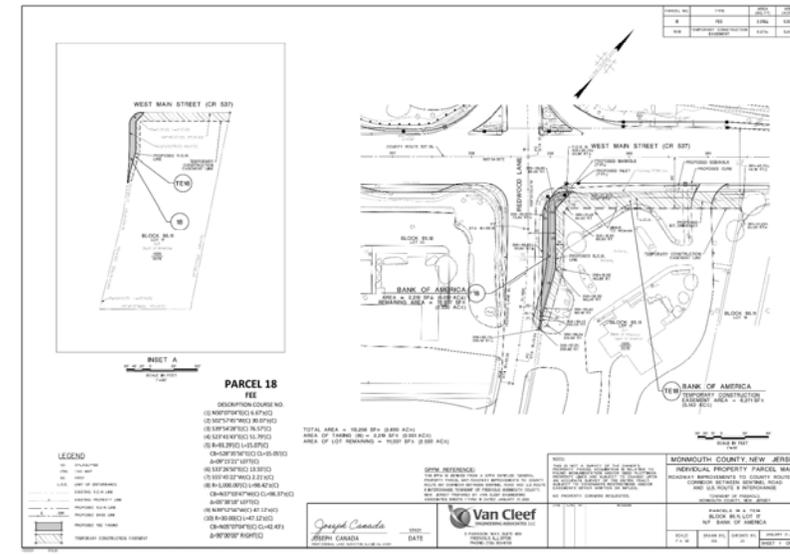
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## RIGHT-OF-WAY (ROW) COORDINATION

The County Right of Way staff is in the process of acquiring the necessary property rights to facilitate the construction of the roadway improvement project.

### Steps:

- Letters to Property Owners
- Appraisal and Review
- Negotiations
- Acquisitions



# FINAL DESIGN PHASE

## *UTILITY COORDINATION*

- Anticipated Aerial and Underground facilities to be relocated
  - Township of Freehold (water and sewer)
  - JCP&L
  - Verizon
  - AT&T
  - Cablevision
  - NJ Natural Gas
- Advance utility relocation options being investigated include:
  - Utility poles and aerial facilities
  - Underground water and gas
- ITS to be installed along CR 537



# FINAL DESIGN PHASE

## CONSTRUCTION STAGING AND TRAFFIC CONTROL

- Maintain two lanes of traffic in each direction during peak hours
  - One lane operation restricted
  - Bridge work to be completed with CR 537 WB lane closure
- Pedestrian access to businesses and local streets to be maintained
- Driveways and local roads to be open at all times



# FINAL DESIGN PHASE

## *ENVIRONMENTAL ITEMS*

- Cultural Resources Phase III
  - Levi Solomon site (Lot 24 in Block 70)
  - West Freehold Lot 41 site (in Block 69)
- NJDEP Permits
  - Freshwater Wetlands General Permit (FWW GP) #10A
  - Flood Hazard Area (FHA) Individual Permit
- Contamination Site Investigations
  - Field Soil Sampling and Testing
  - Asbestos
  - Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA)
- Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Certification



West Freehold Site Investigation



Drill Rig for Soil Testing



# FINAL DESIGN PHASE

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT SCHEDULE	
Local Officials Meetings No. 1, No.2 and No. 3	Feb 2021, June 2023, August 2025
Community Stakeholders Meetings No.1	Sept 2021
Public Information Center Meeting	February 4, 2026

Project Website:  
[www.cr537westmainstreet.com](http://www.cr537westmainstreet.com)

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## *QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION*

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- For questions, please use the Chat Box or Raise Hand feature
- Official comments must be submitted via the methods listed below by Friday, March 6, 2026 to be accepted as public record documentation

Comments may be submitted via:

**Online:** [www.cr537westmainstreet.com](http://www.cr537westmainstreet.com)

**E-mail:** [info@cr537westmainstreet.com](mailto:info@cr537westmainstreet.com)

**Mail:** Robert Strang-Wolf, PE  
Monmouth County Project Manager  
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## *NEXT STEPS*

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- PIC presentation and recording will be available to view on the project website: [www.cr537westmainstreet.com](http://www.cr537westmainstreet.com)
- PIC Summary Meeting Report will post to website after 30-day public comment period ends
- Completion of the Final Design Plans and Construction Specifications
- Intra-Agency review and concurrence to advance project to the Construction Phase
- Please visit the project website for future updates: [www.cr537westmainstreet.com](http://www.cr537westmainstreet.com)
- For questions and comments, please send to: [info@cr537westmainstreet.com](mailto:info@cr537westmainstreet.com)



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## *CLOSING REMARKS*

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# Thank you !

### **For Information:**

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### **To submit questions or comments:**

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