

**ALTERNATIVES COMPARISON MATRIX**  
 Local Concept Development Study for Valley Road Bridge over the Passaic River  
 Bernards Township, Somerset County and Long Hill Township, Morris County, NJ

Alternatives	No Build	Bridge Rehabilitation	Replace In-Kind	Concept 1 New Bridge on Existing Alignment, Full Detour				Concept 2 New Bridge on Existing Alignment with Realigned River Road, Full Detour				Concept 3 New Bridge on North Alignment with Realigned River Road, 2-Stage Construction				Concept 4 New Bridge on South Alignment with Realigned River Road, 2-Stage Construction				Concept 5 New Bridge on North Alignment (Narrower Width) with Realigned River Road, 2-Stage Construction				Concept 6 New Bridge on North Alignment with Realigned River Road, 3-Stage Construction				
				Alternative 1A - Single Span	Alternative 1B - 2-Span	Alternative 1C - 2-Span	Alternative 1D - 2-Span	Alternative 2A - Single Span	Alternative 2B - 2-Span	Alternative 2C - 2-Span	Alternative 2D - 2-Span	Alternative 3A - Single Span	Alternative 3B - 2-Span	Alternative 3C - 2-Span	Alternative 3D - 2-Span	Alternative 4A - Single Span	Alternative 4B - 2-Span	Alternative 4C - 2-Span	Alternative 4D - 2-Span	Alternative 5A - Single Span	Alternative 5B - 2-Span	Alternative 5C - 2-Span	Alternative 5D - 2-Span	Alternative 6A - Single Span	Alternative 6B - 2-Span	Alternative 6C - 2-Span	Alternative 6D - 2-Span	
<b>Superstructure Type</b>	Concrete encased multi-stringer	Concrete encased multi-stringer	Steel Multigirders	Steel Rolled Beams; W24x250	Steel Rolled Beam; W24x68	Prestressed Slab Beam; 36"x21"	Prestressed Spread Box Beam; 48"x27"	Steel Rolled Beams; W24x250	Steel Rolled Beam; W24x68	Prestressed Slab Beam; 36"x21"	Prestressed Spread Box Beam; 48"x27"	Steel Rolled Beams; W24x250	Steel Rolled Beam; W24x68	Prestressed Slab Beam; 36"x21"	Prestressed Spread Box Beam; 48"x27"	Steel Rolled Beams; W24x250	Steel Rolled Beam; W24x68	Prestressed Slab Beam; 36"x21"	Prestressed Spread Box Beam; 48"x27"	Steel Rolled Beams; W24x250	Steel Rolled Beam; W24x68	Prestressed Slab Beam; 36"x21"	Prestressed Spread Box Beam; 48"x27"	Steel Rolled Beams; W24x250	Steel Rolled Beam; W24x68	Prestressed Slab Beam; 36"x21"	Prestressed Spread Box Beam; 48"x27"	
<b>Criteria</b>																												
<b>Meets Project Purpose and Need</b>	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
<b>Maintenance and Protection of Traffic</b>																												
Number of lanes provided during construction	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Is Detour Required?/Length of detour	No	No	No	Yes, length varies from 2.6 to 13 miles	Yes, length varies from 2.6 to 13 miles	Yes, length varies from 2.6 to 13 miles	Yes, length varies from 2.6 to 13 miles	Yes, length varies from 2.6 to 13 miles	Yes, length varies from 2.6 to 13 miles	Yes, length varies from 2.6 to 13 miles	Yes, length varies from 2.6 to 13 miles	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	
<b>Roadway</b>																												
Controlling Standard Design Elements Remaining	9	4	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	
Improves Lane Widths	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	
Improves Shoulder Widths	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Improves Sight Distance at River Road intersection	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Profile Raise at the Bridge	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	
<b>Traffic Operations &amp; Bicycle/Pedestrian</b>																												
Accommodates design year traffic volumes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Bicycle/Pedestrian compatibility provided with connectivity to approach roadways	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Sidewalks provided	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2 final / 1 during construction	2 final / 1 during construction	2 final / 1 during construction	2 final / 1 during construction	2 final / 1 during construction	2 final / 1 during construction	2 final / 1 during construction	2 final / 1 during construction	2 final / 1 during construction	2 final / 1 during construction	2 final / 1 during construction	2 final / 1 during construction	2 final / 1 during construction	2 final / 1 during construction	2 final / 1 during construction	
<b>Construction Duration</b>																												
Duration (Month)	0	3	12	12	14	14	14	12	14	14	14	14	24	28	28	28	24	28	28	28	26	30	30	30	30	34	34	34
<b>Right of Way Impacts</b>																												
Required ROW (Acres)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	
Number of Temporary construction easements	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Number of partial property acquisitions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Number of entire property acquisitions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>Access</b>																												
# of Access Impacts to adjacent properties during construction	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	4	4	4	4	4	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	
# of Permanent Access Impacts to adjacent properties	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	
<b>Structural Design</b>																												
Accelerated Bridge Construction Methodology	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	
Bridge opening meets design year storm (H&H)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Seismic Design addressed	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Bridge Approach Safety Upgraded	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
75 yr. Bridge Life Cycle	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
<b>Environmental Impacts</b>																												
Passaic River County Park - Green Acres & Section 4(f)	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	
Total Wetlands Impacts (acres)	No	Yes	Yes	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.05	
Threatened and Endangered Species Habitat	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Floodplain (acres)	No	Yes	Yes	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.33	0.33	0.33	
Riparian Zone (acres)	No	Yes	Yes	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	
Historic Resources (# of sites)	No	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	
Hazardous Waste/Contaminated Sites	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	
Seasonal restrictions	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
<b>Utilities</b>																												
Anticipated relocations	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
<b>Cost</b>																												
Construction Cost	\$0	\$1,175,000	\$2,350,000	\$5,660,000	\$5,310,000	\$5,550,000	\$5,130,000	\$5,720,000	\$5,370,000	\$5,620,000	\$5,190,000	\$6,970,000	\$6,570,000	\$6,820,000	\$6,280,000	\$7,330,000	\$6,930,000	\$7,180,000	\$6,640,000	\$6,970,000	\$6,570,000	\$6,820,000	\$6,280,000	\$7,318,500	\$6,898,500	\$7,161,000	\$6,594,000	
Estimated Utility Relocation Cost	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	\$950,000	\$950,000	\$950,000	\$950,000	\$2,650,000	\$2,650,000	\$2,650,000	\$2,650,000	\$950,000	\$950,000	\$950,000	\$950,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	
Estimated Right of Way Cost	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	
Life Cycle Cost (Present Value)	N/A	N/A	\$316,000	\$507,000	\$507,000	\$316,000	\$316,000	\$507,000	\$507,000	\$316,000	\$316,000	\$507,000	\$507,000	\$316,000	\$316,000	\$507,000	\$507,000	\$316,000	\$316,000	\$507,000	\$507,000	\$316,000	\$316,000	\$507,000	\$507,000	\$316,000	\$316,000	
Detour Cost (Option 2)	N/A	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$1,255,000</b>	<b>\$2,746,000</b>	<b>\$8,047,000</b>	<b>\$7,697,000</b>	<b>\$7,746,000</b>	<b>\$7,326,000</b>	<b>\$8,107,000</b>	<b>\$7,757,000</b>	<b>\$7,816,000</b>	<b>\$7,386,000</b>	<b>\$8,442,000</b>	<b>\$8,042,000</b>	<b>\$8,101,000</b>	<b>\$7,561,000</b>	<b>\$10,552,000</b>	<b>\$10,152,000</b>	<b>\$10,211,000</b>	<b>\$9,671,000</b>	<b>\$8,435,000</b>	<b>\$8,035,000</b>	<b>\$8,094,000</b>	<b>\$7,554,000</b>	<b>\$9,628,500</b>	<b>\$9,208,500</b>	<b>\$9,280,000</b>	<b>\$8,713,000</b>	