



JERSEY CITY

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & COMMERCE

Office of the Director

JERRAMIAH T. HEALY, MAYOR
CARL S. CZAPLICKI, DIRECTOR

November 2009

Welcome to 440study.com, the official website of the ***Route 440/Routes 1&9T Multi-Use Urban Boulevard and Through Truck Diversion Concept Development Study***. The study is an initiative of the City of Jersey City, is fully funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, and is being conducted in partnership with the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

Significant growth is anticipated to occur over the next 40 years along both sides of the Route 440/Routes 1&9T corridor in the western waterfront area of Jersey City, New Jersey, as well as at nearby seaports in Hudson, Essex and Union Counties. In its current configuration, the Route 440/Routes 1&9T corridor cannot safely and efficiently accommodate the future travel demands that will be placed upon it. In addition, significant congestion and constraints to mobility created by the physical characteristics of the highway as growth occurs will serve as a deterrent to the development of new livable communities and will negatively impact the quality of life for residents, workers and visitors.

The purpose of the Route 440/Routes 1&9T project is to improve existing and future safety, traffic operations, multi-modal mobility, and accessibility; to support and interconnect growth areas and livable communities along both sides of the corridor; and to support local and regional economic development.

The study will also seek to address a number of key municipal objectives, as follows:

- ***Facilitate, support, and encourage mixed-use pedestrian friendly development*** with a blend of residential, retail, commercial and recreational uses.
- ***Create an interconnected network of streets*** that extends the local “grid” along and across Route 440/Routes 1&9T, and incorporates Route 440/Routes 1&9T as a walkable and bicycle friendly urban boulevard.
- ***Create a bicycle-friendly, walkable community*** by designing the interconnected network of streets as “complete streets” that accommodate the needs of all users with sidewalks, crosswalks, and bicycle lanes, as well as public amenities such as benches, lighting, and way-finding signs.
- ***Increase parks and open space*** within the western waterfront area of Jersey City, particularly along the riverfront, and provide enhanced accessibility to existing and new

open space including a new riverfront walkway and pocket parks.

- **Create a multi-modal, mass transit-rich environment** through extension of the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail from its current terminus at the Westside Avenue station and expansion of local and regional bus service.

The study will identify and evaluate a range of potential alternative treatments for the redesign and reuse of Route 440/Routes 1&9T. In support of its purpose and objectives, the study will also examine the extent to which through trucks may be diverted away from the corridor by constructing alternate routes and expanding freight rail and freight ferry services.

The outcome of the study will include identification of initially preferred alternatives (IPA) consisting of concept designs and an alignment of the Route 440/Routes 1&9T corridor, potential through truck diversion options, and other associated improvements. An implementation phasing plan will also be provided that addresses the corridor's short, medium and long term needs, as well as the anticipated availability of funding for construction over time.

This website is designed to provide basic information about the full scope of the study and its findings as it progresses. It will be updated from time to time with new information as the various components of the study are completed. Notice of scheduled public meetings will be provided as the dates and locations are determined.

Thank you for visiting and I hope that you find this information useful. Please feel free to forward any comments, questions or concerns to me at JCHEDC@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Douglas J. Greenfeld, AICP/PP, Supervising Planner
Project Director