



COUNTY OF UNION

Local Concept Development Study for South Front Street Bridge over the Elizabeth River, City of Elizabeth, Union County, NJ

Community Stakeholders Survey Summary

Total Surveys Returned as of 3/17/14: 11

Total Surveys Mailed: 108

1. Were you aware of this Bridge Improvement Study?

Yes: 8

No: 3

2. Prior to the South Front Street Bridge closure, how often did you use the bridge?

Everyday: 5

Often: 2

Seldom: 3

Never: 1

3. Do you use public transportation in this area?

Everyday: 1

Often:

Seldom: 3

Never: 8

If so, what type?

NJ Transit: 4

Private Bus:

Other:

4. Do you walk or ride a bike in this area?

Walk:

Yes:

Often:

Sometimes: 1

No: 8

Ride a Bike:

Yes: 2

Often:

Sometimes: 1

No: 8

a. If walking across the bridge, which sidewalk did you use prior to the closure?

Northside:
Southside:
Both: 1
Not on bridge:

b. If bicycling, please circle: sidewalk or shoulder and which side:

Sidewalk:
Shoulder: 1
Northside:
Southside:
Both: 1
Not on bridge: 1

5. How is this study important to you - your involvement/representation?

Resident or Commuter: 2
Mobility and Access: 2
Economic interest: 10
Social service provider: 2
Historic features of interest: 2

6. What are the key issues near the South Front Street Bridge as you see them (access, safety, traffic, mobility, aesthetics, marine activity)?

Access: 5
Safety: 7
Traffic: 1
Mobility: 2
Aesthetics: 1
Marine activity: 2

7. What should the study team be aware of concerning any traffic changes, emergency response time, etc. since the bridge was closed in early March 2011 and a detour created?

- Limited egress to our site.
- Only one way to area.
- Minimizing the impact to Conrail freight railroad operations during and after construction.
- Lack of through traffic affecting my business. It has affected my business negatively.
- Access to Warehouse.
- Access to our facility is the most pressing issue and emergency evacuation. The bridge closure essentially gives only one access road to our site.

8. Is the bridge wide enough to service the transportation needs (vehicles, pedestrian, bicyclists) in the project vicinity? How many lanes needed each way?
- Yes, 1 each direction.
 - Large trucks, one way.
 - Yes. Keep it simple.
 - One.
 - One lane each way is needed.
9. Are you interested in becoming a stakeholder representing your organization, business, school, neighborhood or interest group (attend 2-3 meetings)?
- Yes: 6
No: 2
10. Are any special provisions needed for you to attend a meeting such as access, hearing, or visual?
- Yes:
No: 6
11. Are there any organizations or individuals you would suggest we contact as possible stakeholders?
- Elizabeth River Keeper
 - Antonio Simeos @ 48 – 94 Bayway Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07202
 - YMCA
12. Do you have any comments/questions about the study or any other suggestions you wish to share about the study that may help with planning future meetings?
- Please proceed with justification and develop schedule.
 - I heard this was a historic bridge. It should be restored and preserved, but not improved.
 - Need to repair / re-open bridge as soon as possible!
 - Maybe further on.