

NJTPA LOCAL CAPITAL PROJECT DELIVERY PROGRAM

South Front Street Bridge over the Elizabeth River, Elizabeth

Funding awarded:
\$500,000

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Union County successfully applied for a \$500,000 grant for this project through the NJTPA's 2014 Local Capital Project Delivery Program. The project will investigate the best course of action for restoring the crossing over the Elizabeth River on South Front Street in the City of Elizabeth.

Project Details

The existing South Front Street Bridge has been closed since 2011 due to severe structural and mechanical deterioration. The 158-foot-long steel movable bridge has been left in an open position to allow marine traffic to continue passing through. The project will explore the feasibility of alternatives to rehabilitate the bridge or build a new crossing.

About the Project Area

The bridge crosses the Elizabeth River in an industrial area near the Arthur Kill waterfront. The closure has hampered access

to the area for emergency responders and travelers trying to reach local businesses. The structure was built in 1922 by the Strauss Bascule Bridge Co., and uses a heel trunnion design that was considered technologically significant in its day.

The Local Capital Project Delivery Program

The NJTPA's Local Capital Project Delivery Program awards grants to counties and cities to investigate all aspects of a project, including environmental, right of way, access, design and feasibility issues. Projects that complete this initial investigative work, called the Local Concept Development Phase, may be eligible for eventual construction with federal funds. For more information about the program, visit NJTPA.org.

