



**Local Concept Development Study for
City of Newark
Central Avenue Bridge over the City Subway
City of Newark, Essex County, NJ**



Community Input Survey - SUMMARY

Total Sent: 264 Received: 18 (6.8%) As of: 4/28/17

1. Were you aware of this Central Avenue Bridge Improvement Study? Yes No

Yes (10)
No (12)

2. How often do you travel along Central Avenue in the project area? (please check)

Everyday (30 days) A lot (16-29 days) Often (5-15 days) Seldom (1-4 days) Never

Everyday (30 days) (5)
A Lot (16-29 days) (5)
Often (5-15 days) (5)
Seldom (1-4 days) (3)
Never (4)

**3. Do you use public transportation in this area? Everyday A lot Often Seldom Never
If so, what type? NJ Transit Subway NJ Transit Bus Private Bus Other _____**

Do you use public transportation in this area?	If so, what type?			
	NJ Transit Subway	NJ Transit Bus	Private Bus	Other
Everyday	1	1		
A lot	3	2	1-Rutgers Shuttle	
Often	2	1		
Seldom	3	1		
No answer			1	
Never 10				

*One respondent checked "Often" but did not indicate type
One respondent commented, "Rutgers students travel here everyday"*

4. Do you walk or ride a bike or both in this area? Yes Often Sometimes No

	Walk	Ride a bike	Both	No answer
Yes	1	1	2	
Often				
Sometimes	4		1	1
No 13				

a. If walking, which side of Central Avenue do you use:

- North side (westbound traffic) (1)
- Southside (eastbound traffic) (0)
- Both (8)

b. If bicycling, which side of Central Avenue do you use:

- North side (westbound traffic) (0)
- Southside (eastbound traffic) (0)
- Both (5)

5. How is this study important to you - your involvement/representation? (circle any that apply)

- a. Resident or Commuter (how do you use Central Avenue for travel, local or regional)? (9)
- b. Type of Mobility and Access (local use – vehicle, walking, biking, transit) (10)
- c. Economic interest (business owner, chamber of commerce member)? (13)
- d. Social service provider (non-profit agency, house of worship, human resources)? (4)
- e. Historic features of interest (member of historical society or organization)? (1)





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6. What are the key issues near the Central Avenue Bridge area as you see them (access, safety, traffic, mobility, aesthetics)?

	<i>Circled responses:</i>	<i>Number ranking placed by one respondent</i>	<i>Total (circled, ranked, & written)</i>
Access	(2)	#1	(12)
Safety	(4)	#2	(14)
Traffic	(4)	#3	(12)
Mobility	(1)	#4	(6)
Aesthetics	(1)	#5	(9)

Written comments:

- Access, flow of traffic
- Access, safety and traffic
- Access/Mass Transportation routing
- All
- All as stated
- All of the above
- Effective and safe bicycle/pedestrian accommodations
- Lighting at night, aesthetics are lacking. This bridge needs to engage the surrounding area – it shouldn't look out of place.
- Multimodal access, including bicycles, pedestrians and transit; appropriate detours and multimodal accommodations during construction
- Newark light rail service. (Impact)
- Safety and aesthetics.
- Safety of children
- Safety, access, aesthetics
- Traffic Safety is a large concern and the aesthetics connecting the colleges and University with the City Subway
- Traffic, safety, access, & mobility

7. What are the key issues if a user of the City Subway (Light Rail) system in the area of Central Avenue?

- Access and safety
- Aesthetics are horrible
- Impact; construction dates; length of construction
- N/A
- N/A
- Safety
- Safety & access
- Safety of children, create additional traffic hazards to pedestrians
- Safety, access, aesthetics
- Station access, maintaining service during construction
- The Norfolk station is run down and dilapidated. There is no easy access down or up to the station. Signage is non-existent

8. What should the study team be aware of concerning any traffic changes or detours along Central Avenue near the Central Avenue Bridge area (past, present, or future)?

One respondent circled "present" & "future"

One respondent circled "future"

Written comments:

- Clear signage, better timing so as to not hamper traffic during peak hours





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- *Ensure that any traffic detours do not route drivers unsafely through the Rutgers Newark campus (which is pedestrian heavy)*
- *Impact to large numbers of vehicles attending NJPAC/ Prudential Center events*
- *It's a busy intersection and traffic patterns need to be thought thru before construction begins*
- *Keeping a good flow of traffic during school days - keep roads accessible and clear*
- *Major concern is minimizing impact to area traffic due to detours during construction*
- *Mass transportation routing*
- *N/A*
- *Traffic volume and congestion in the region*

9. Are you interested in becoming a stakeholder representing your organization, business, school, neighborhood or interest group (attend 2-3 meetings)? Yes No

Yes (16)
No (4)
Unanswered (1)

a. If so, what days and times of the week are preferred? (M, Tu, W, Th, F) (am, afternoon, pm)

M	(7)	am	(5)
Tu	(7)	afternoon	(4)
W	(8)	pm	(4)
Th	(9)		
F	(5)		

10. Are any special provisions needed for you to attend a meeting such as mobility, hearing, visual or language assistance? Yes No If yes, please indicate: _____

• Yes (0)
• No (20)
• Unanswered (1)

11. Are there any organizations or individuals you would suggest we contact as possible stakeholders?

- *Contact La Casa de Don Pedro. They are a community organization that works closely with people in that neighborhood.*
- *Local government agencies and the Newark City Council, and local residents as well.*
- *Lotus Equity Group (new owners of Bears Stadium), L&M Development Partners (Hahnes Building)*
- *My block, my family, our village; Urban League, Jehovah Jirah, local churches and businesses; World Impact School*
- *NJIT, Essex Community College*
- *None*
- *RBHS – Newark*

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?

- *I have concerns about the lack of voice that the community has held in past projects. Changing transportation in a neighborhood often has unforeseen, negative impact that is never planned for.*
- *If there are traffic changes on Central Avenue the traffic usually changes to New St. New St. already has traffic as cars use it as a short cut. New St. is a residential street with walking traffic & needs speed bump & other safety measures*
- *Important to keep traffic moving & pedestrians safe – very busy roadway for ingress & egress to city; also lots of pedestrians with Phillips Academy, NJIT, residents & Norfolk Street NJT passengers.*
- *Is there consideration to conduct a traffic study of volume as it corresponds to events at NJPAC, the Prudential Center, Red Bull Stadium, etc?*





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- *It is important that effective bicycle/pedestrian accommodations be made on this bridge. Many Rutgers students use this bridge and it's safety for their use is paramount.*
- *None*
- *Please extend invitation; Thank you.*
- *Replace the bridge*
- *Rutgers would recommend using this study as an opportunity to improve bicycle, pedestrian and ADA accommodation on the Central Avenue Bridge, including dedicated and protected bike lanes. Please keep the university informed of any road closings or detours when the project eventually advances to the construction phase*

