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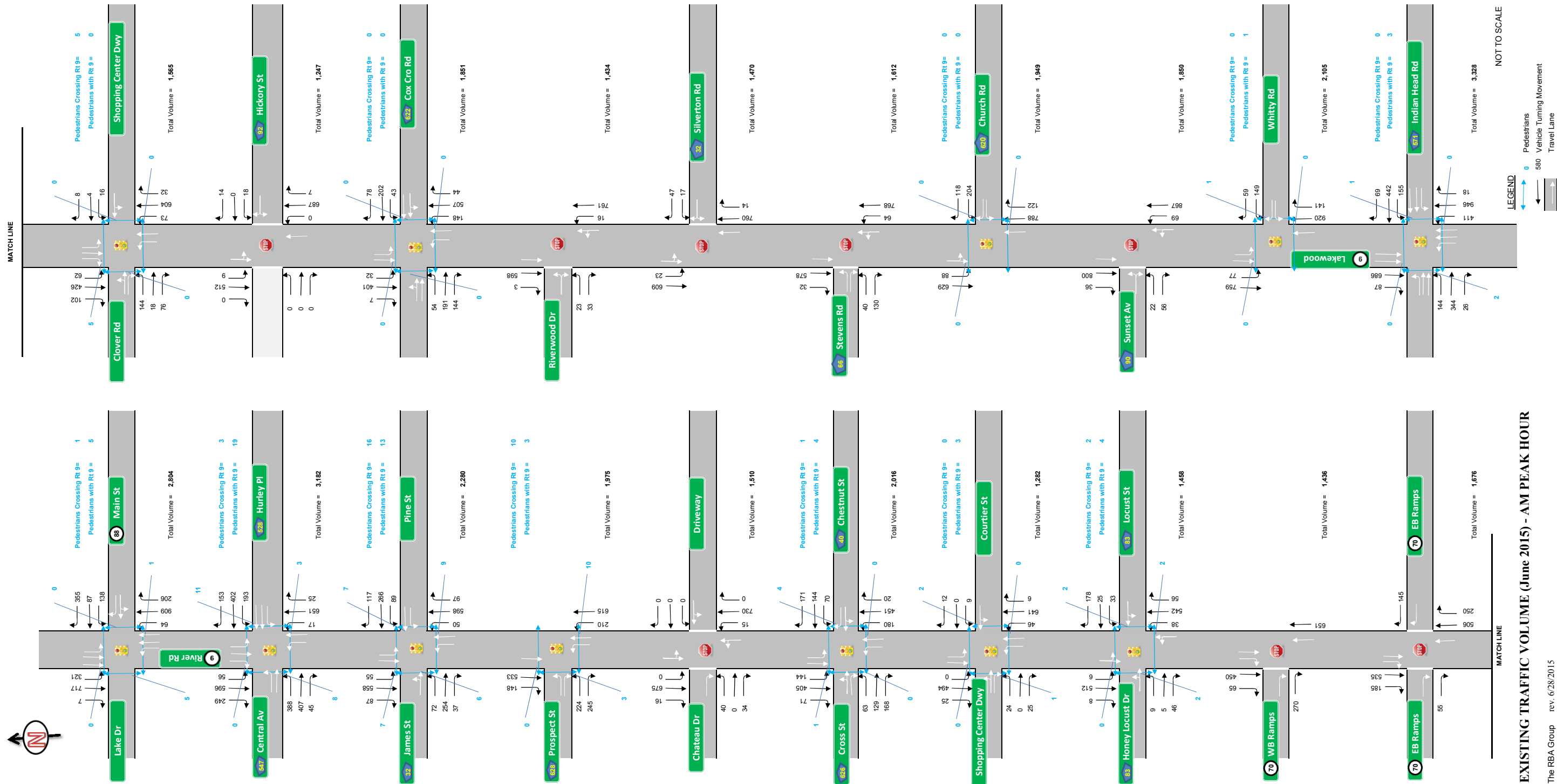
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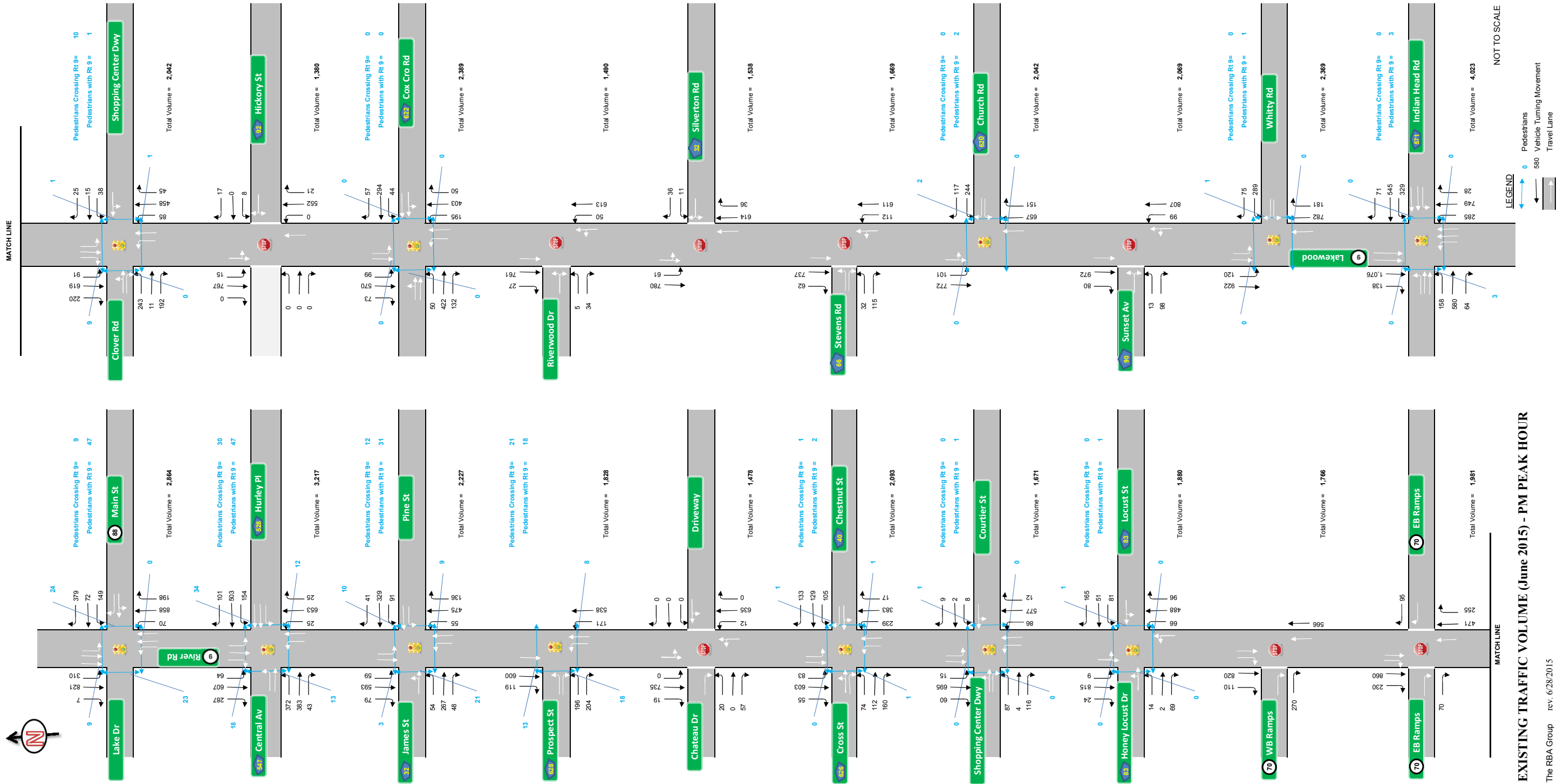
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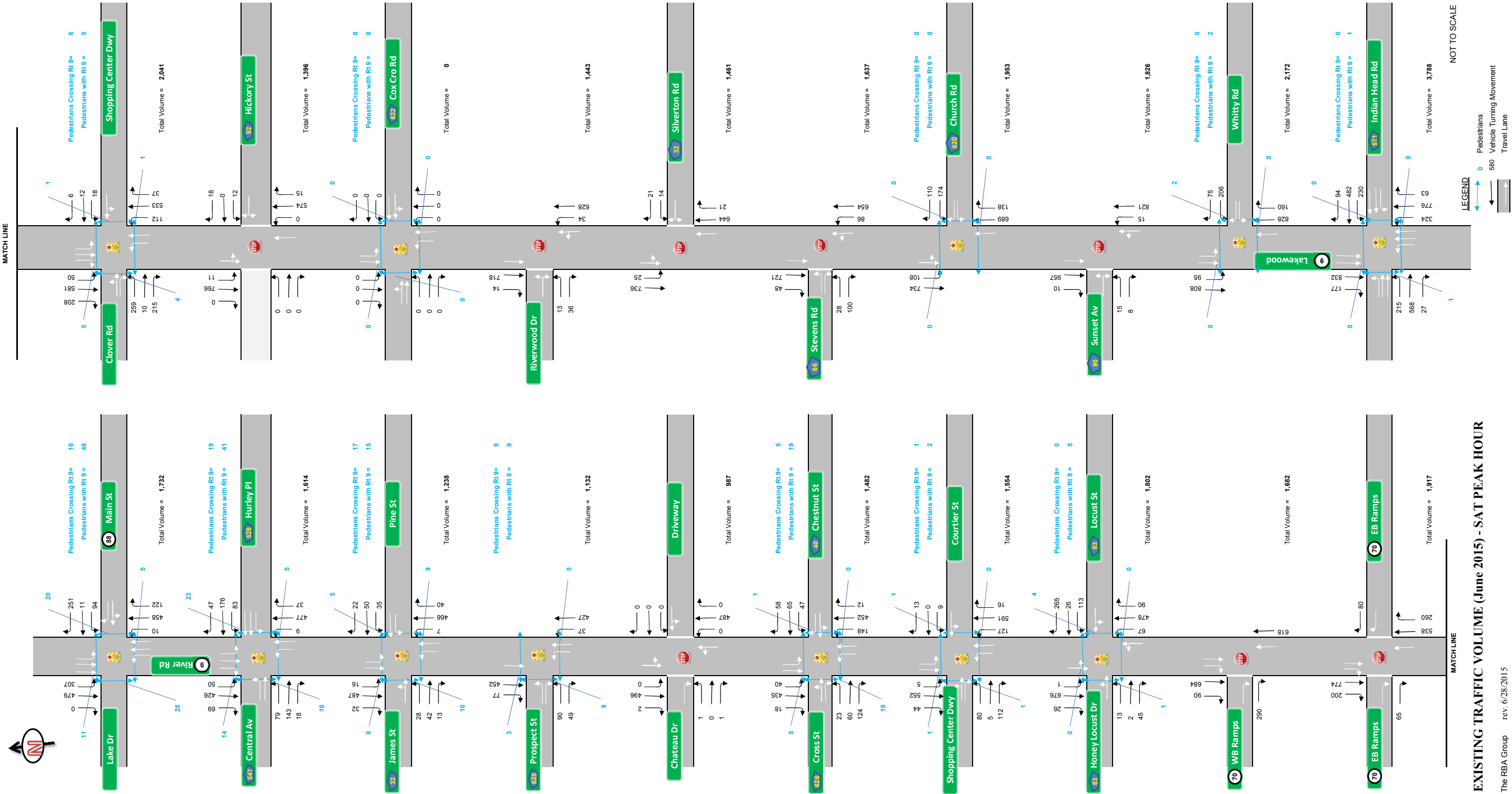
***Existing Traffic Volume Flow Maps***

Data collected from May 30, 2015 and June 20, 2015







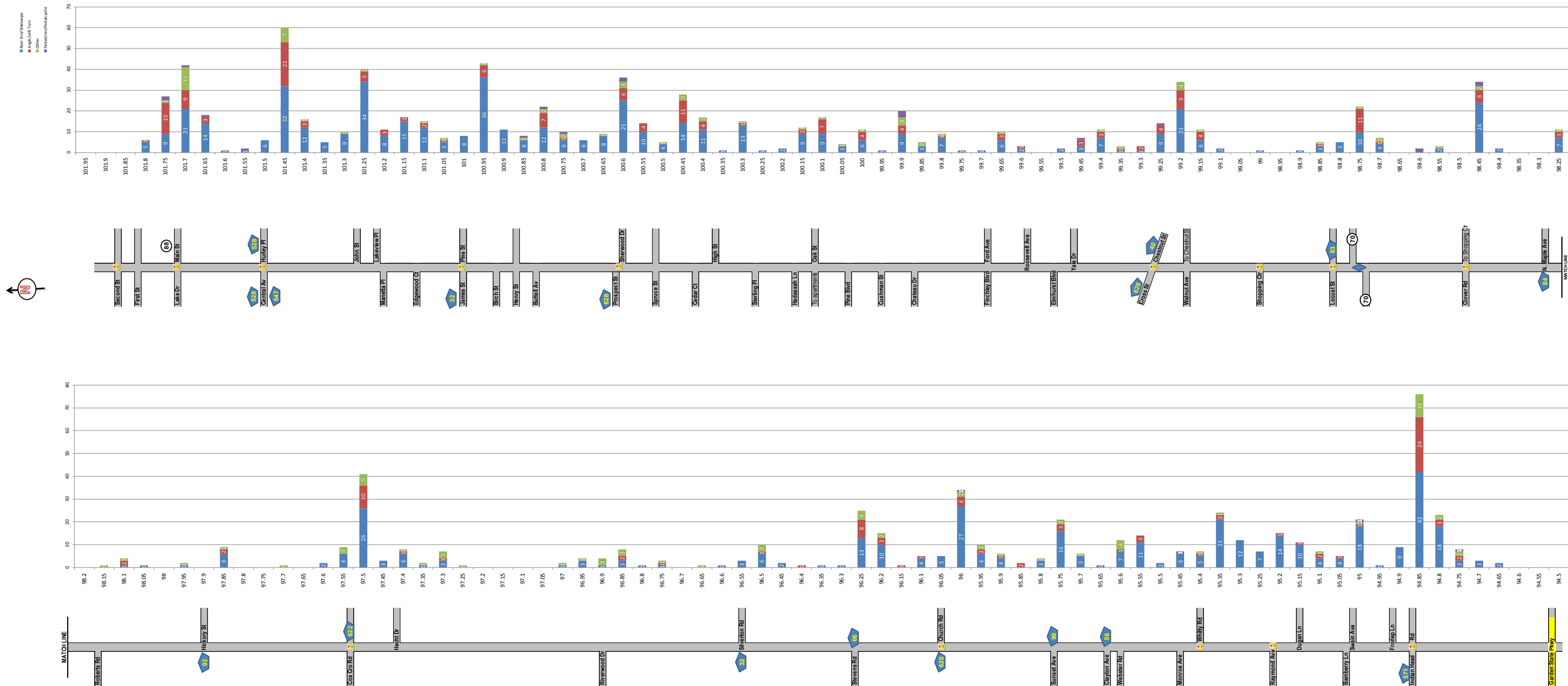


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***Crash Histograms by mile Post***

Reportable Crashes between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2013



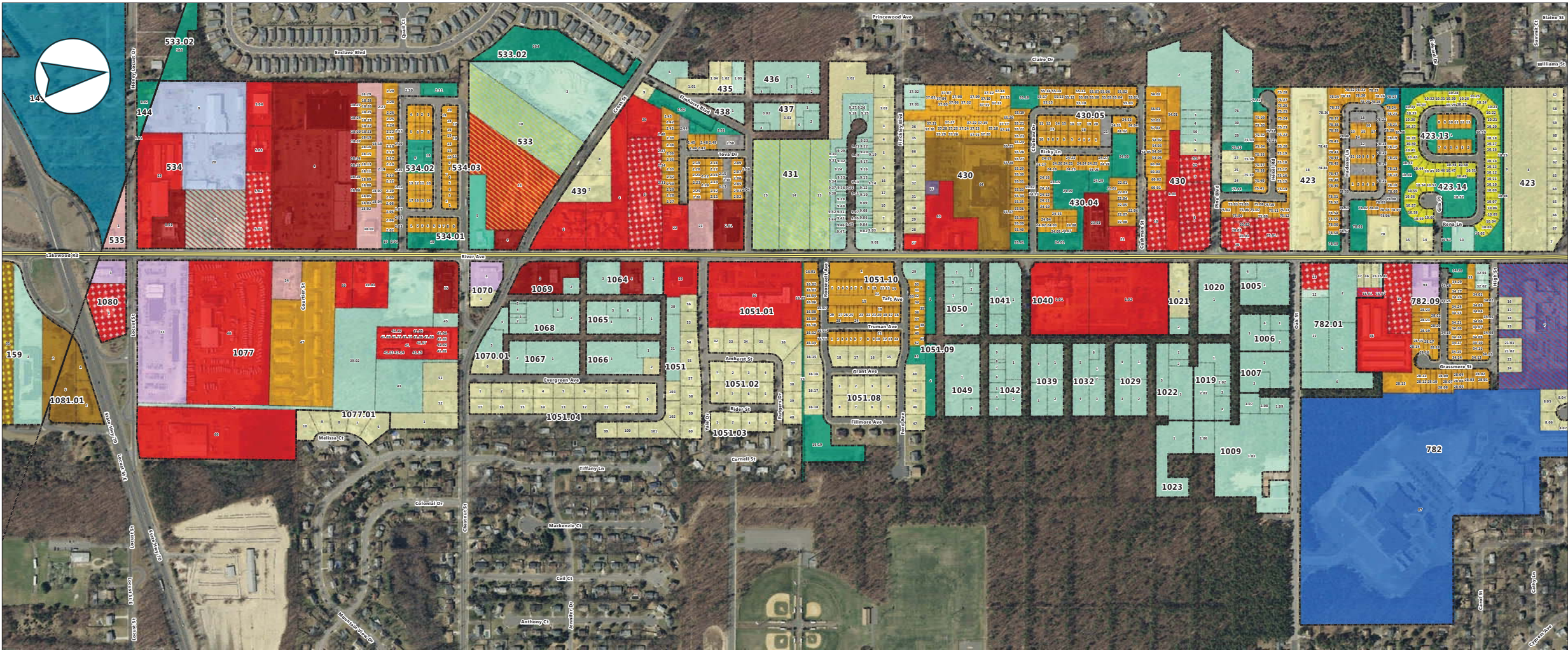
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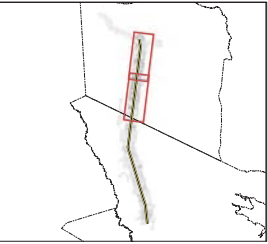
***Existing Land Uses in Corridor***

As of Fall, 2015

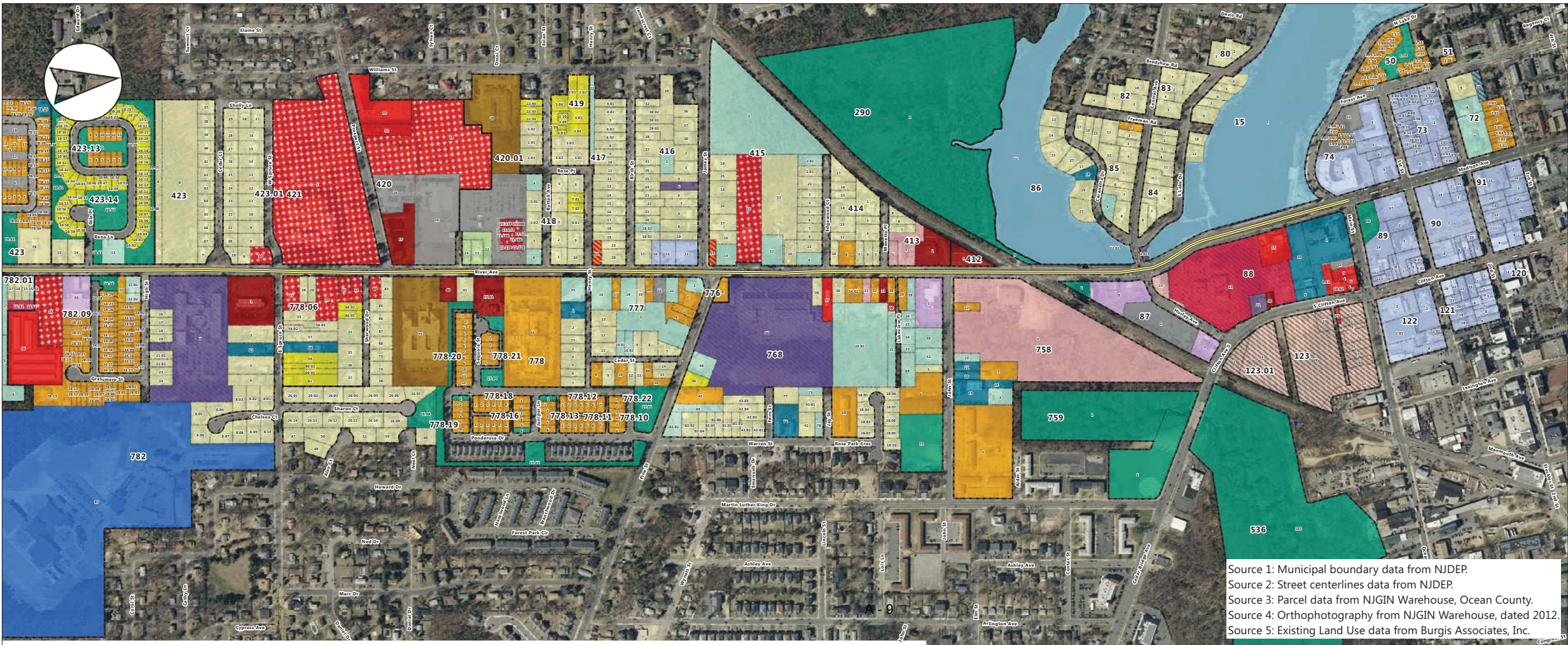






Project Title:  
**NJTPA Route 9  
Access Management  
Plan**  
TOWNSHIP OF LAKEWOOD  
OCEAN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY



- Legend**
- Rt 9 Study Corridor
  - Municipal Boundary
  - Blocks
  - Parcels
  - Existing Land Use**
  - Residential: Single Family
  - Residential: Two Family
  - Residential: Multifamily
  - Residential: Multifamily Assisted Living
  - Commercial
  - Retail
  - Office
  - Medical
  - Industrial
  - Auto Related
  - Hotel
  - Mixed Use: Residential/Commercial
  - Mixed Use: Commercial/Industrial
  - Mixed Use: Commercial/Religious
  - Mixed Use: Downtown
  - Open Space/Stormwater
  - Parking
  - Public
  - Public Utility
  - Quasi-Public
  - Public School
  - Private School
  - Private School/Boarding
  - Religious Institution
  - Lake
  - Vacant: Undeveloped
  - Vacant: Commercial
  - Vacant: Residential



Source 1: Municipal boundary data from NJDEP.  
Source 2: Street centerlines data from NJDEP.  
Source 3: Parcel data from NJGIN Warehouse, Ocean County.  
Source 4: Orthophotography from NJGIN Warehouse, dated 2012.  
Source 5: Existing Land Use data from Burgis Associates, Inc.

Rev	Description		Date	Dwn	Ckd		
Dwg. Title							
Existing Land Use Map Township of Lakewood							
Graphic Scale							
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***APPENDIX D***

***Pending and Prospective Developments***

As of Fall, 2015

# Forecasted Development for the US Rt 9 Corridor in the Township of Lakewood

Block	Lot(s)	Status	Information Source	Development Classification	Single Family or Duplex (Unit)	Multifamily (Unit)	Commercial (Square Foot)	Office (Square Foot)	Institutional (Square Foot)	Zoning
415	2.02	Vac	BA	Prospective	2					R-10
415	17, 18, 24	Pending	Subdivision Plan, entitled "Preliminary & Final Major Subdivision Improvement Plan," prepared by Charles Surmonte PE and PLS, dated July 28, 2015.	Pending	8					R-10
415	19,25	Red	BA	Prospective	4					R-10
420	18	Red	BA	Prospective				40,000		R-10
420.01	4	Vac	BA	Prospective	2					R-10
420.01	12, 13, 14	Red	BA	Prospective				23,000		HD-6
423	8, 9	Red	BA	Prospective	48					HD-7
423	29, 30, 31, 75.43, 76	Vac	BA	Prospective	13					HD-7
430	2, 3, 4, 5, 50	Vac	BA	Prospective	16					R-12
431	1.02	Vac	BA	Prospective	5					HD-7
431	9.01 to 9.47	Pending	Jay Lynch - Approval	Pending		40				HD-6
435	1.03	Vac	BA	Prospective	1					R-12
435	6	Vac	BA	Prospective	1					R-12
436	1, 2, 3, 4	Vac	BA	Prospective	5					R-12
437	1, 2, 3.01, 3.02, 4, 6	Vac	BA	Prospective	5					R-12
438	1	Vac	BA	Prospective	1					R-12
439	7, 8	Pending	Layout plan (1 sheet), entitled "Preliminary and Final Major Subdivision," prepared by KBA Engineering, LLC and dated April 30, 2015.	Pending	6					HD-7
533	3, 10	Pending	Site plan (2 sheets), entitled "Preliminary and Final Major Site Plan & Subdivision Layout Plan 1 and 2," prepared by R.C. Associates Consulting, Inc. and dated March 27, 2014.	Pending		74			2,500	HD-7
533	11	Pending	Site plan (1 sheet), entitled "Proposed Mixed-Use Development," prepared by Lakeland Surveying and dated May 26, 2015.	Pending	24		7,960	15,965		HD-7
758	3, 20, 21, 23	Red	BA	Prospective		10				R-7.5
768	5, 21, 23,24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 50, 69, 70	Red	BA	Prospective	14					R-7.5
768	34.01, 40	Red	BA	Prospective					75,000	R-10
768	44, 45, 46, 48, 83.01	Red	BA	Prospective	6					R-10
777	1, 2, 3, 4	Red	BA	Prospective			20,000			HD-6
778	45	Vac	BA	Prospective			3,000			HD-6
778.06	33	Red	BA	Prospective	1					R-10
782	3, 82	Red	BA	Prospective	4					R-10

# Forecasted Development for the US Rt 9 Corridor in the Township of Lakewood

Block	Lot(s)	Status	Information Source	Development Classification	Single Family or Duplex (Unit)	Multifamily (Unit)	Commercial (Square Foot)	Office (Square Foot)	Institutional (Square Foot)	Zoning
782	5, 6	Pending	Subdivision Plan, entitled "Minor Subdivision," prepared by New Lines NJ, LLC and dated February 9, 2015.	Pending	6					R-10
782.01	2, 5, 6, 11, 12	Vac	BA	Prospective	32					HD-7
1005	1, 4	Vac	BA	Prospective	20					HD-7
1006	1, 2, 3, 4									
1007	1, 3	Vac	BA	Prospective	22					R-12
1009	1.07, 1.08, 1.09									
1019	1, 2.01, 2.02, 3, 4	Vac	BA	Prospective	22					R-12
1022	1, 2, 3, 5									
1020	1	Pending	Subdivision Plan, entitled "Final Plat ~ Major Subdivision," prepared by FWH Associates, P.A., and dated June 10, 2015.	Pending	18					HD-7
1021	2	Vac	BA	Prospective	4					HD-7
1029	1, 2, 3, 4	Vac	BA	Prospective	18					R-12
1032	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	Vac	BA	Prospective	18					B-3
1039	1, 2, 3, 4									
1021	4	Pending	Subdivision Plan, entitled "Final Plate ~ Major Subdivision," prepared by FWH Associates P.A., and dated February 19, 2015.	Pending	22					HD-7
1040	1.02									
1041	1, 2, 3	Vac	BA	Prospective	18					HD-7
1042	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	Vac	BA	Prospective	18					B-3
1049	1	Pending	Development Plan, entitled "Preliminary and Final Major Subdivision," prepared by FWH Associates, P.A., and dated November 17, 2014.	Pending	24					B-3
1050	4, 7									
1049	6	Vac	BA	Prospective	2					B-3
1050	1, 2, 3, 5, 6	Vac	BA	Prospective	4					HD-7
1051.1	1									
1051	30, 31	Vac	BA	Prospective		100				R-12
1064	1, 3, 4									
1065	1, 3, 4, 5, 6									
1066	1, 2, 3									
1067	1, 2									
1068	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6									
1051.09	4	Vac	BA	Prospective	8					B-3
1077	1, 39.02, 43, 51, 52	Vac	BA	Prospective		60	26,000			R-12
1077	39.01, 50	Red	BA	Prospective			20,000			HD-7

# Forecasted Development for the US Rt 9 Corridor in the Township of Toms River

Block	Lot(s)	Status	Information Source	Development Classification	Single Family or Duplex (Unit)	Multifamily (Unit)	Commercial (Square Foot)	Office (Square Foot)	Industrial (Square Foot)	Institutional (Square Foot)
164	5, 11	Red/Vac	Burgis Associates	Prospective			50,000			
164	7, 13	Pending	Jay Lynch - Approval	Pending		340				
166	4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 15	Pending	Jay Lynch - Approval	Pending		250	56,000			
170	7	Vac	Burgis Associates	Prospective			10,000			
170	22	Vac	Burgis Associates	Prospective	10					
171	10, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 42	Vac	Burgis Associates	Pending			200,000			
171	25.01	Red	Burgis Associates	Prospective	10		10,000	10,000		
171	16, 28, 29, 58.01	Pending	Jay Lynch - Approval	Pending			78,000			
171	40	Pending	Jay Lynch - Approval	Pending						41,200
172	11.01	Pending	Jay Lynch - Approval	Pending		75		18,000		
172	14	Vac	Burgis Associates	Prospective	7					
172	42	Vac	Burgis Associates	Prospective	1					
173	5, 10, 11, 12	Red/Vac	Burgis Associates	Prospective	10					
173	9, 22, 47	Red	Burgis Associates	Prospective	35					
173	25	Pending	Jay Lynch - Approval	Pending					16,800	
410.01	21, 29, 42	Pending	Jay Lynch - Approval	Pending		175	70,000			
410.04	38, 41, 73	Pending	Jay Lynch - Approval	Pending			12,900			







DEVELOPMENT TYPE	PENDING	PROSPECTIVE
COMMERCIAL		
INDUSTRIAL		
INSTITUTIONAL		
OFFICE		
RESIDENTIAL - SINGLE FAMILY / DUPLEX		
RESIDENTIAL - MULTI-FAMILY		
MIXED-USE		

US ROUTE 9

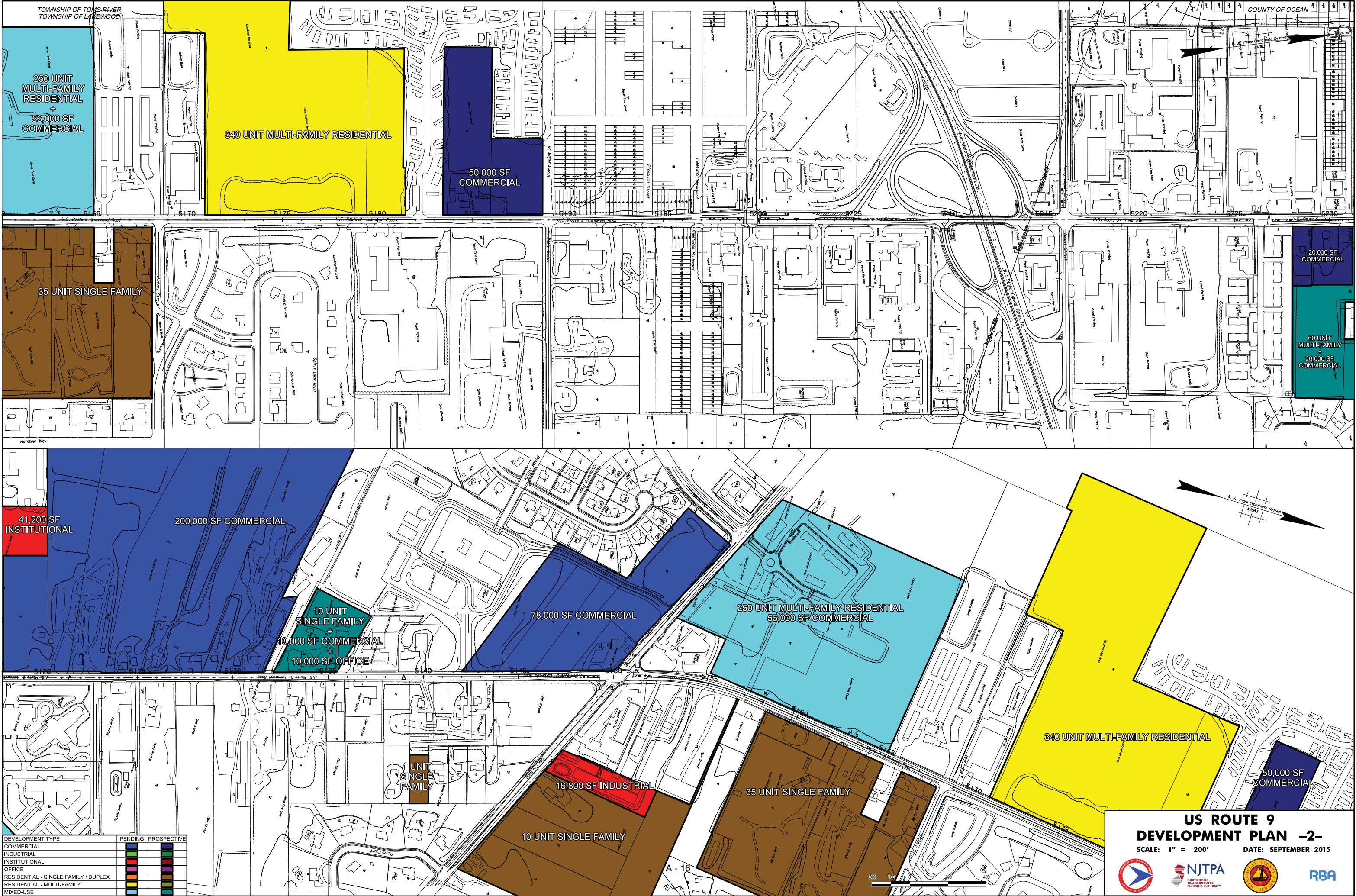
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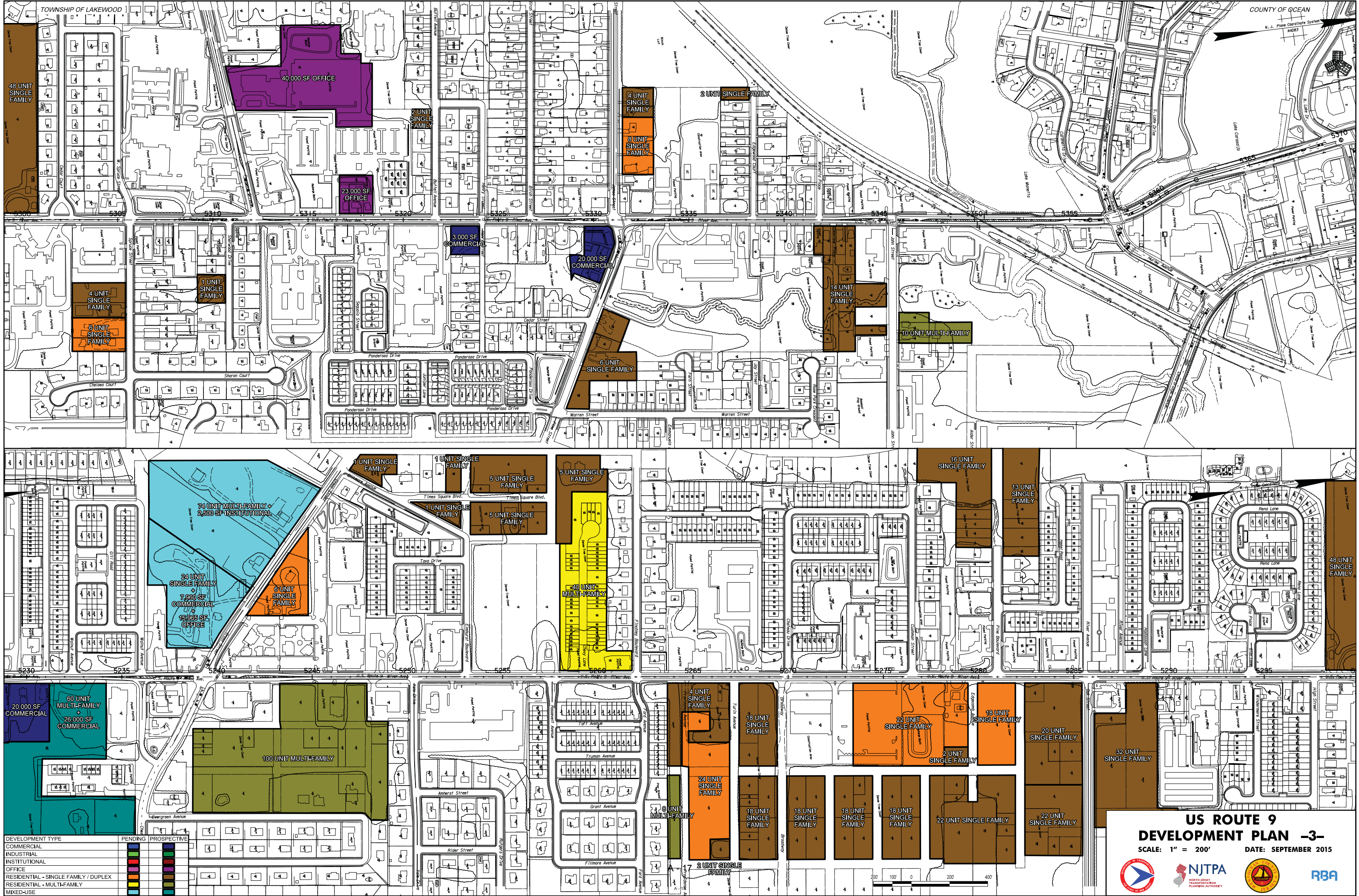
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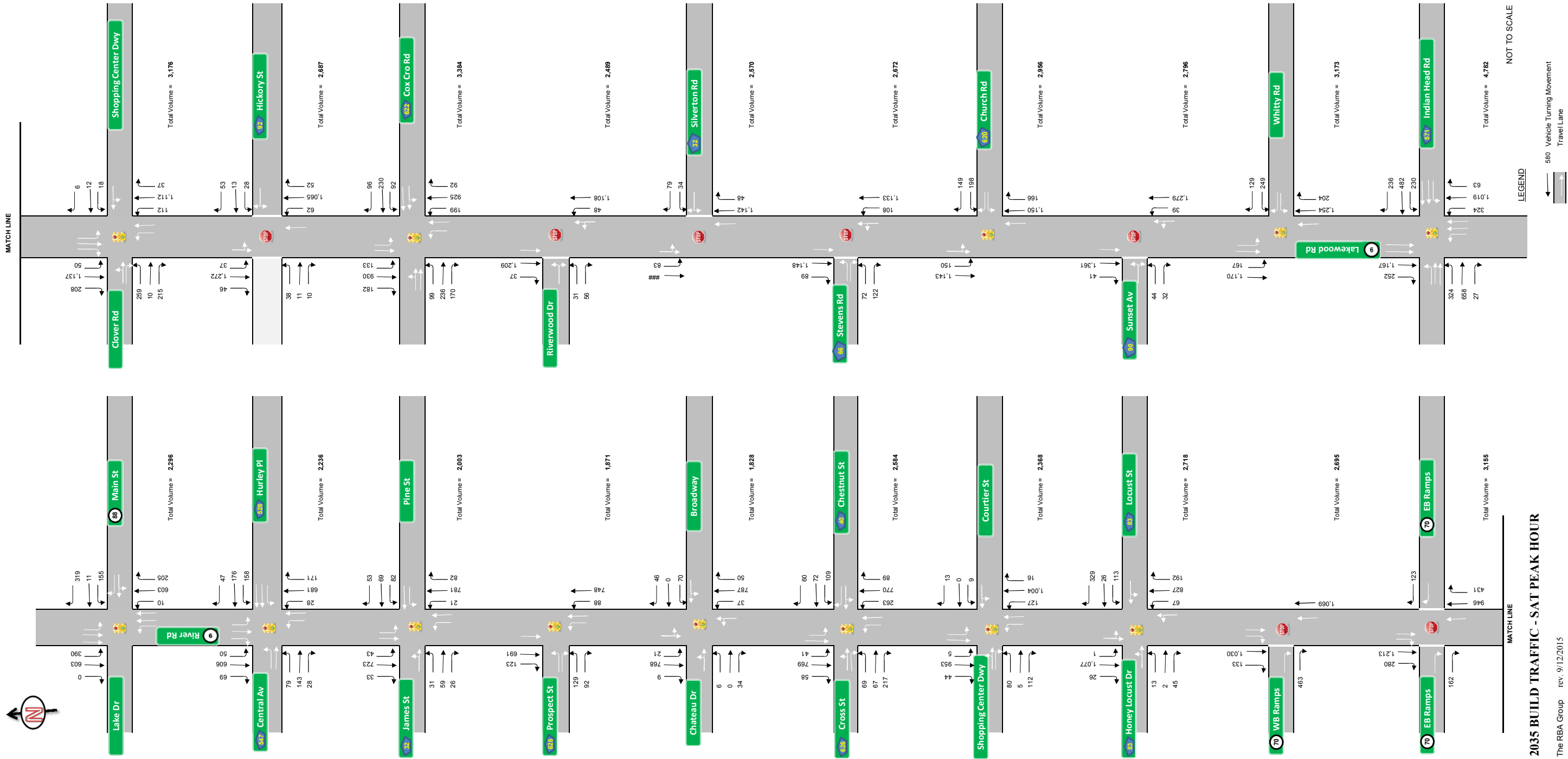
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***Future (2035) Traffic Volume Flow Maps***









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***APPENDIX F***

***Order of Magnitude Cost Estimates for Low Cost-High  
Impact Improvements***

## US Rt 9 Low Cost / High Impact Improvements Cost Estimate

### Summary of Concept Costs

1 LCHI 1 - West Whitty Rd	\$ 1,330,000.00
2 LCHI 2 - Church Rd (CR-620) & Stevens Rd (CR-66)	\$ 1,270,000.00
3 LCHI 3 - Locust St (CR-84)	\$ 1,610,000.00
4 LCHI 4 - Cross St (CR-626) / Chestnut St (CR-40)	\$ 960,000.00
5 LCHI 5 - Broadway / Chateau Dr & Oak St	\$ 1,410,000.00
6 LCHI 6 - James St (CR-32) / Pine St (Signal & Striping only)	\$ 320,000.00
6A LCHI 6 - James St (CR-32) / Pine St (Roadway Improvements)	\$ 670,000.00
7 LCHI 7 - John St HAWK Signal (Signal & Striping Only)	\$ 320,000.00
7A LCHI 7 - John St HAWK Signal (Roadway Improvements)	\$ 880,000.00
8 LCHI 8 - Central Ave (CR-528/547) / Hurley Ave (CR-528) & Main St (NJ-88)	\$ 2,720,000.00

Totals (without Roadway Improvements at James St & John St): \$ 9,940,000.00

Totals (With Roadway Improvements at James St & John St): \$ 10,850,000.00

# US Rt 9 Low Cost / High Impact Improvements Cost Estimate

## Improvement Description

LCHI 1 - West Whitty Rd

### Construction Costs

Item	Units	Unit Price	Quantity	Cost
Removal of Existing Road	SF	\$ 2.50	12,535	\$31,338
Earth Work	CY	\$ 20	1,192	23,837
Drainage	LF	\$ 60	2,200	132,000
Curb	LF	\$ 25	2,200	55,000
Full Depth Pavement	SF	\$ 7.50	9,050	67,875
Mill Old Pavement	SF	\$ 0.75	101,000	75,750
Resurface Old Pavement (2" overlay)	SF	\$ 2.00	101,000	202,000
Sidewalk/Concrete Islands	SF	\$ 7.00	10,200	71,400
Barrier Curb	LF	\$ 80		0
Guide Rail	LF	\$ 60	1,000	60,000
Traffic Signals	EACH	\$ 215,000	1	215,000
<b>Sub-Total 1</b>				<b>\$934,200</b>

Signing/Striping	Sub-Total 1	5%	46,710
Noise Barriers	LF	\$ 230	0
Wall (6' High, Gabion Basket)	LF	\$ 200	0
Wall (2-4' High, Modular Block)	LF	\$ 130	0
Stormwater Management	LUMP SUM	\$ -	0
Bridges/Structures	SF	\$ 275	0
<b>Sub-Total 2</b>			<b>\$980,910</b>

Mobilization / Clearing Site	Sub-Total 2	3%	29,427
Soil Erosion and Sediment Control	Sub-Total 2	1%	9,809
Construction Stakeout	Sub-Total 2	3%	29,427
Maintenance and Protection of Traffic	Sub-Total 2	10%	98,091
Landscaping	Sub-Total 2	5%	49,045
Performance and Payment of Bond	Sub-Total 2	1%	9,809
<b>Total Hard Costs</b>			<b>\$1,206,519</b>

Contingency	Hard Cost	10%	120,652
<b>Construction Costs</b>			<b>\$1,327,171</b>

**Total Cost of Improvement** \$1,327,171

### ASSUMED COST (rounded)

\$1,330,000

Full Depth Pavement Assumed to be: 2" Surface, 4" Intermediate, 4" Base, 8" DGA

## US Rt 9 Low Cost / High Impact Improvements Cost Estimate

### Improvement Description

LCHI 2 - Church Rd (CR-620) & Stevens Rd (CR-66)

<b>Construction Costs</b>				
<b>Item</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Removal of Existing Road	SF	\$ 2.50		\$0
Earth Work	CY	\$ 20	133	2,667
Drainage	LF	\$ 60	2,450	147,000
Curb	LF	\$ 25		0
Full Depth Pavement	SF	\$ 7.50	2,700	20,250
Mill Old Pavement	SF	\$ 0.75	106,430	79,823
Resurface Old Pavement (2" overlay)	SF	\$ 2.00	106,430	212,860
Sidewalk/Concrete Islands	SF	\$ 7.00		0
Barrier Curb	LF	\$ 80		0
Guide Rail	LF	\$ 60		0
Traffic Signals	EACH	\$ 215,000	2	430,000
<b>Sub-Total 1</b>				<b>\$892,599</b>
Signing/Striping	Sub-Total 1	5%		44,630
Noise Barriers	LF	\$ 230		0
Wall (6' High, Gabion Basket)	LF	\$ 200		0
Wall (2-4' High, Modular Block)	LF	\$ 130		0
Stormwater Management	LUMP SUM	\$ -		0
Bridges/Structures	SF	\$ 275		0
<b>Sub-Total 2</b>				<b>\$937,229</b>
Mobilization / Clearing Site	Sub-Total 2	3%		28,117
Soil Erosion and Sediment Control	Sub-Total 2	1%		9,372
Construction Stakeout	Sub-Total 2	3%		28,117
Maintenance and Protection of Traffic	Sub-Total 2	10%		93,723
Landscaping	Sub-Total 2	5%		46,861
Performance and Payment of Bond	Sub-Total 2	1%		9,372
<b>Total Hard Costs</b>				<b>\$1,152,792</b>
Contingency	Hard Cost	10%		115,279
<b>Construction Costs</b>				<b>\$1,268,071</b>
<b>Total Cost of Improvement</b>				<b>\$1,268,071</b>
<b>ASSUMED COST (rounded)</b>				<b>\$1,270,000</b>
Full Depth Pavement Assumed to be: 2" Surface, 4" Intermediate, 4" Base, 8" DGA				

# US Rt 9 Low Cost / High Impact Improvements Cost Estimate

## Improvement Description

LCHI 3 - Locust St (CR-84)

### Construction Costs

Item	Units	Unit Price	Quantity	Cost
Removal of Existing Road	SF	\$ 2.50	5,800	\$14,500
Earth Work	CY	\$ 20	998	19,951
Drainage	LF	\$ 60	1,500	90,000
Curb	LF	\$ 25	3,000	75,000
Full Depth Pavement	SF	\$ 7.50	11,000	82,500
Mill Old Pavement	SF	\$ 0.75	118,150	88,613
Resurface Old Pavement (2" overlay)	SF	\$ 2.00	118,150	236,300
Sidewalk/Concrete Islands	SF	\$ 7.00	13,600	95,200
Barrier Curb	LF	\$ 80		0
Guide Rail	LF	\$ 60		0
Traffic Signals	EACH	\$ 215,000	2	430,000
<b>Sub-Total 1</b>				<b>\$1,132,063</b>

Signing/Striping	Sub-Total 1	5%	56,603
Noise Barriers	LF	\$ 230	0
Wall (6' High, Gabion Basket)	LF	\$ 200	0
Wall (2-4' High, Modular Block)	LF	\$ 130	0
Stormwater Management	LUMP SUM	\$ -	0
Bridges/Structures	SF	\$ 275	0
<b>Sub-Total 2</b>			<b>\$1,188,666</b>

Mobilization / Clearing Site	Sub-Total 2	3%	35,660
Soil Erosion and Sediment Control	Sub-Total 2	1%	11,887
Construction Stakeout	Sub-Total 2	3%	35,660
Maintenance and Protection of Traffic	Sub-Total 2	10%	118,867
Landscaping	Sub-Total 2	5%	59,433
Performance and Payment of Bond	Sub-Total 2	1%	11,887
<b>Total Hard Costs</b>			<b>\$1,462,060</b>

Contingency	Hard Cost	10%	146,206
<b>Construction Costs</b>			<b>\$1,608,265</b>

**Total Cost of Improvement** \$1,608,265

### ASSUMED COST (rounded)

\$1,610,000

Full Depth Pavement Assumed to be: 2" Surface, 4" Intermediate, 4" Base, 8" DGA



# US Rt 9 Low Cost / High Impact Improvements Cost Estimate

## Improvement Description

LCHI 4 - Cross St (CR-626) / Chestnut St (CR-40)

### Construction Costs

Item	Units	Unit Price	Quantity	Cost
Removal of Existing Road	SF	\$ 2.50		\$0
Earth Work	CY	\$ 20	428	8,562
Drainage	LF	\$ 60	700	42,000
Curb	LF	\$ 25	1,400	35,000
Full Depth Pavement	SF	\$ 7.50	7,200	54,000
Mill Old Pavement	SF	\$ 0.75	90,750	68,063
Resurface Old Pavement (2" overlay)	SF	\$ 2.00	90,750	181,500
Sidewalk/Concrete Islands	SF	\$ 7.00	5,875	41,125
Barrier Curb	LF	\$ 80		0
Guide Rail	LF	\$ 60		0
Traffic Signals	EACH	\$ 215,000	1	215,000
<b>Sub-Total 1</b>				<b>\$645,249</b>

Signing/Striping	Sub-Total 1	5%	32,262
Noise Barriers	LF	\$ 230	0
Wall (6' High, Gabion Basket)	LF	\$ 200	0
Wall (2-4' High, Modular Block)	LF	\$ 130	0
Stormwater Management	LUMP SUM	\$ -	0
Bridges/Structures	SF	\$ 275	0
<b>Sub-Total 2</b>			<b>\$677,512</b>

Mobilization / Clearing Site	Sub-Total 2	3%	20,325
Soil Erosion and Sediment Control	Sub-Total 2	1%	6,775
Construction Stakeout	Sub-Total 2	3%	20,325
Maintenance and Protection of Traffic	Sub-Total 2	10%	67,751
Landscaping	Sub-Total 2	5%	33,876
Performance and Payment of Bond	Sub-Total 2	1%	6,775
<b>Total Hard Costs</b>			<b>\$833,339</b>

Contingency	Hard Cost	15%	125,001
<b>Construction Costs</b>			<b>\$958,340</b>

**Total Cost of Improvement** \$958,340

### ASSUMED COST (rounded)

\$960,000

Full Depth Pavement Assumed to be: 2" Surface, 4" Intermediate, 4" Base, 8" DGA

# US Rt 9 Low Cost / High Impact Improvements Cost Estimate

## Improvement Description

LCHI 5 - Broadway / Chateau Dr & Oak St

### Construction Costs

Item	Units	Unit Price	Quantity	Cost
Removal of Existing Road	SF	\$ 2.50	1,700	\$4,250
Earth Work	CY	\$ 20	1,420	28,395
Drainage	LF	\$ 60	2,500	150,000
Curb	LF	\$ 25	5,000	125,000
Full Depth Pavement	SF	\$ 7.50	21,400	160,500
Mill Old Pavement	SF	\$ 0.75	133,000	99,750
Resurface Old Pavement (2" overlay)	SF	\$ 2.00	133,000	266,000
Sidewalk/Concrete Islands	SF	\$ 7.00	22,600	158,200
Barrier Curb	LF	\$ 80		0
Guide Rail	LF	\$ 60		0
Traffic Signals	EACH	\$ 215,000		0
<b>Sub-Total 1</b>				<b>\$992,095</b>

Signing/Striping	Sub-Total 1	5%	49,605
Noise Barriers	LF	\$ 230	0
Wall (6' High, Gabion Basket)	LF	\$ 200	0
Wall (2-4' High, Modular Block)	LF	\$ 130	0
Stormwater Management	LUMP SUM	\$ -	0
Bridges/Structures	SF	\$ 275	0
<b>Sub-Total 2</b>			<b>\$1,041,700</b>

Mobilization / Clearing Site	Sub-Total 2	3%	31,251
Soil Erosion and Sediment Control	Sub-Total 2	1%	10,417
Construction Stakeout	Sub-Total 2	3%	31,251
Maintenance and Protection of Traffic	Sub-Total 2	10%	104,170
Landscaping	Sub-Total 2	5%	52,085
Performance and Payment of Bond	Sub-Total 2	1%	10,417
<b>Total Hard Costs</b>			<b>\$1,281,291</b>

Contingency	Hard Cost	10%	128,129
<b>Construction Costs</b>			<b>\$1,409,420</b>

**Total Cost of Improvement** \$1,409,420

### ASSUMED COST (rounded)

\$1,410,000

Full Depth Pavement Assumed to be: 2" Surface, 4" Intermediate, 4" Base, 8" DGA

# US Rt 9 Low Cost / High Impact Improvements Cost Estimate

## Improvement Description

LCHI 6 - James St (CR-32) / Pine St (Roadway Improvements)

### Construction Costs

Item	Units	Unit Price	Quantity	Cost
Removal of Existing Road	SF	\$ 2.50	5,400	\$13,500
Earth Work	CY	\$ 20	735	14,691
Drainage	LF	\$ 60	400	24,000
Curb	LF	\$ 25	800	20,000
Full Depth Pavement	SF	\$ 7.50	8,700	65,250
Mill Old Pavement	SF	\$ 0.75	25,650	19,238
Resurface Old Pavement (2" overlay)	SF	\$ 2.00	25,650	51,300
Sidewalk/Concrete Islands	SF	\$ 7.00	3,100	21,700
Barrier Curb	LF	\$ 80		0
Guide Rail	LF	\$ 60		0
Traffic Signals	EACH	\$ 215,000	1	215,000
<b>Sub-Total 1</b>				<b>\$444,679</b>

Signing/Striping	Sub-Total 1	5%	22,234
Noise Barriers	LF	\$ 230	0
Wall (6' High, Gabion Basket)	LF	\$ 200	0
Wall (2-4' High, Modular Block)	LF	\$ 130	0
Stormwater Management	LUMP SUM	\$ -	0
Bridges/Structures	SF	\$ 275	0
<b>Sub-Total 2</b>			<b>\$466,913</b>

Mobilization / Clearing Site	Sub-Total 2	3%	14,007
Soil Erosion and Sediment Control	Sub-Total 2	1%	4,669
Construction Stakeout	Sub-Total 2	3%	14,007
Maintenance and Protection of Traffic	Sub-Total 2	10%	46,691
Landscaping	Sub-Total 2	5%	23,346
Performance and Payment of Bond	Sub-Total 2	1%	4,669
<b>Total Hard Costs</b>			<b>\$574,303</b>

Contingency	Hard Cost	15%	86,145
<b>Construction Costs</b>			<b>\$660,448</b>

**Total Cost of Improvement** \$660,448

### ASSUMED COST (rounded)

\$670,000

Full Depth Pavement Assumed to be: 2" Surface, 4" Intermediate, 4" Base, 8" DGA

# US Rt 9 Low Cost / High Impact Improvements Cost Estimate

## Improvement Description

LCHI 6 - James St (CR-32) / Pine St (Signal & Striping only)

### Construction Costs

Item	Units	Unit Price	Quantity	Cost
Removal of Existing Road	SF	\$ 2.50		\$0
Earth Work	CY	\$ 20		0
Drainage	LF	\$ 60		0
Curb	LF	\$ 25		0
Full Depth Pavement	SF	\$ 7.50		0
Mill Old Pavement	SF	\$ 0.75		0
Resurface Old Pavement (2" overlay)	SF	\$ 2.00		0
Sidewalk/Concrete Islands	SF	\$ 7.00		0
Barrier Curb	LF	\$ 80		0
Guide Rail	LF	\$ 60		0
Traffic Signals	EACH	\$ 215,000	1	215,000
<b>Sub-Total 1</b>				<b>\$215,000</b>

Signing/Striping	Sub-Total 1	5%	10,750
Noise Barriers	LF	\$ 230	0
Wall (6' High, Gabion Basket)	LF	\$ 200	0
Wall (2-4' High, Modular Block)	LF	\$ 130	0
Stormwater Management	LUMP SUM	\$ -	0
Bridges/Structures	SF	\$ 275	0
<b>Sub-Total 2</b>			<b>\$225,750</b>

Mobilization / Clearing Site	Sub-Total 2	3%	6,773
Soil Erosion and Sediment Control	Sub-Total 2	1%	2,258
Construction Stakeout	Sub-Total 2	3%	6,773
Maintenance and Protection of Traffic	Sub-Total 2	10%	22,575
Landscaping	Sub-Total 2	5%	11,288
Performance and Payment of Bond	Sub-Total 2	1%	2,258
<b>Total Hard Costs</b>			<b>\$277,673</b>

Contingency	Hard Cost	15%	41,651
<b>Construction Costs</b>			<b>\$319,323</b>

**Total Cost of Improvement** \$319,323

### ASSUMED COST (rounded)

\$320,000

Full Depth Pavement Assumed to be: 2" Surface, 4" Intermediate, 4" Base, 8" DGA

## US Rt 9 Low Cost / High Impact Improvements Cost Estimate

### Improvement Description

LCHI 7 - John St HAWK Signal  
(Roadway Improvements)

#### Construction Costs

Item	Units	Unit Price	Quantity	Cost
Removal of Existing Road	SF	\$ 2.50	5,400	\$13,500
Earth Work	CY	\$ 20	600	12,000
Drainage	LF	\$ 60	1,000	60,000
Curb	LF	\$ 25	2,000	50,000
Full Depth Pavement	SF	\$ 7.50	3,750	28,125
Mill Old Pavement	SF	\$ 0.75	45,600	34,200
Resurface Old Pavement (2" overlay)	SF	\$ 2.00	45,600	91,200
Sidewalk/Concrete Islands	SF	\$ 7.00	12,000	84,000
Barrier Curb	LF	\$ 80		0
Guide Rail	LF	\$ 60		0
Traffic Signals	EACH	\$ 215,000	1	215,000
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Signing/Striping	Sub-Total 1	5%		29,401
Noise Barriers	LF	\$ 230		0
Wall (6' High, Gabion Basket)	LF	\$ 200		0
Wall (2-4' High, Modular Block)	LF	\$ 130		0
Stormwater Management	LUMP SUM	\$ -		0
Bridges/Structures	SF	\$ 275		0
<b>Sub-Total 2</b>				<b>\$617,426</b>
Mobilization / Clearing Site	Sub-Total 2	3%		18,523
Soil Erosion and Sediment Control	Sub-Total 2	1%		6,174
Construction Stakeout	Sub-Total 2	3%		18,523
Maintenance and Protection of Traffic	Sub-Total 2	10%		61,743
Landscaping	Sub-Total 2	5%		30,871
Performance and Payment of Bond	Sub-Total 2	1%		6,174
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Contingency	Hard Cost	15%		113,915
<b>Construction Costs</b>				<b>\$873,349</b>
<b>Total Cost of Improvement</b>				<b>\$873,349</b>

#### ASSUMED COST (rounded)

\$880,000

Full Depth Pavement Assumed to be: 2" Surface, 4" Intermediate, 4" Base, 8" DGA

# US Rt 9 Low Cost / High Impact Improvements Cost Estimate

## Improvement Description

LCHI 7 - John St HAWK Signal (Signal & Striping Only)

<b>Construction Costs</b>				
Item	Units	Unit Price	Quantity	Cost
Removal of Existing Road	SF	\$ 2.50		\$0
Earth Work	CY	\$ 20		0
Drainage	LF	\$ 60		0
Curb	LF	\$ 25		0
Full Depth Pavement	SF	\$ 7.50		0
Mill Old Pavement	SF	\$ 0.75		0
Resurface Old Pavement (2" overlay)	SF	\$ 2.00		0
Sidewalk/Concrete Islands	SF	\$ 7.00		0
Barrier Curb	LF	\$ 80		0
Guide Rail	LF	\$ 60		0
Traffic Signals	EACH	\$ 215,000	1	215,000
<b>Sub-Total 1</b>				<b>\$215,000</b>
Signing/Striping	Sub-Total 1	5%		10,750
Noise Barriers	LF	\$ 230		0
Wall (6' High, Gabion Basket)	LF	\$ 200		0
Wall (2-4' High, Modular Block)	LF	\$ 130		0
Stormwater Management	LUMP SUM	\$ -		0
Bridges/Structures	SF	\$ 275		0
<b>Sub-Total 2</b>				<b>\$225,750</b>
Mobilization / Clearing Site	Sub-Total 2	3%		6,773
Soil Erosion and Sediment Control	Sub-Total 2	1%		2,258
Construction Stakeout	Sub-Total 2	3%		6,773
Maintenance and Protection of Traffic	Sub-Total 2	10%		22,575
Landscaping	Sub-Total 2	5%		11,288
Performance and Payment of Bond	Sub-Total 2	1%		2,258
<b>Total Hard Costs</b>				<b>\$277,673</b>
Contingency	Hard Cost	15%		41,651
<b>Construction Costs</b>				<b>\$319,323</b>
<b>Total Cost of Improvement</b>				<b>\$319,323</b>
<b>ASSUMED COST (rounded)</b>				<b>\$320,000</b>
Full Depth Pavement Assumed to be: 2" Surface, 4" Intermediate, 4" Base, 8" DGA				

# US Rt 9 Low Cost / High Impact Improvements Cost Estimate

## Improvement Description

LCHI 8 - Central Ave (CR-528/547) / Hurley Ave (CR-528)  
& Main St (NJ-88)

### Construction Costs

Item	Units	Unit Price	Quantity	Cost
Removal of Existing Road	SF	\$ 2.50	6,200	\$15,500
Earth Work	CY	\$ 20	1,123	22,469
Drainage	LF	\$ 60	2,000	120,000
Curb	LF	\$ 25	4,000	100,000
Full Depth Pavement	SF	\$ 7.50	8,500	63,750
Mill Old Pavement	SF	\$ 0.75	242,250	181,688
Resurface Old Pavement (2" overlay)	SF	\$ 2.00	242,250	484,500
Sidewalk/Concrete Islands	SF	\$ 7.00	32,200	225,400
Barrier Curb	LF	\$ 80		0
Guide Rail	LF	\$ 60	850	51,000
Traffic Signals	EACH	\$ 215,000	3	645,000
<b>Sub-Total 1</b>				<b>\$1,909,307</b>

Signing/Striping	Sub-Total 1	5%	95,465
Noise Barriers	LF	\$ 230	0
Wall (6' High, Gabion Basket)	LF	\$ 200	0
Wall (2-4' High, Modular Block)	LF	\$ 130	0
Stormwater Management	LUMP SUM	\$ -	0
Bridges/Structures	SF	\$ 275	0
<b>Sub-Total 2</b>			<b>\$2,004,772</b>

Mobilization / Clearing Site	Sub-Total 2	3%	60,143
Soil Erosion and Sediment Control	Sub-Total 2	1%	20,048
Construction Stakeout	Sub-Total 2	3%	60,143
Maintenance and Protection of Traffic	Sub-Total 2	10%	200,477
Landscaping	Sub-Total 2	5%	100,239
Performance and Payment of Bond	Sub-Total 2	1%	20,048
<b>Total Hard Costs</b>			<b>\$2,465,870</b>

Contingency	Hard Cost	10%	246,587
<b>Construction Costs</b>			<b>\$2,712,456</b>

**Total Cost of Improvement** \$2,712,456

### ASSUMED COST (rounded)

\$2,720,000

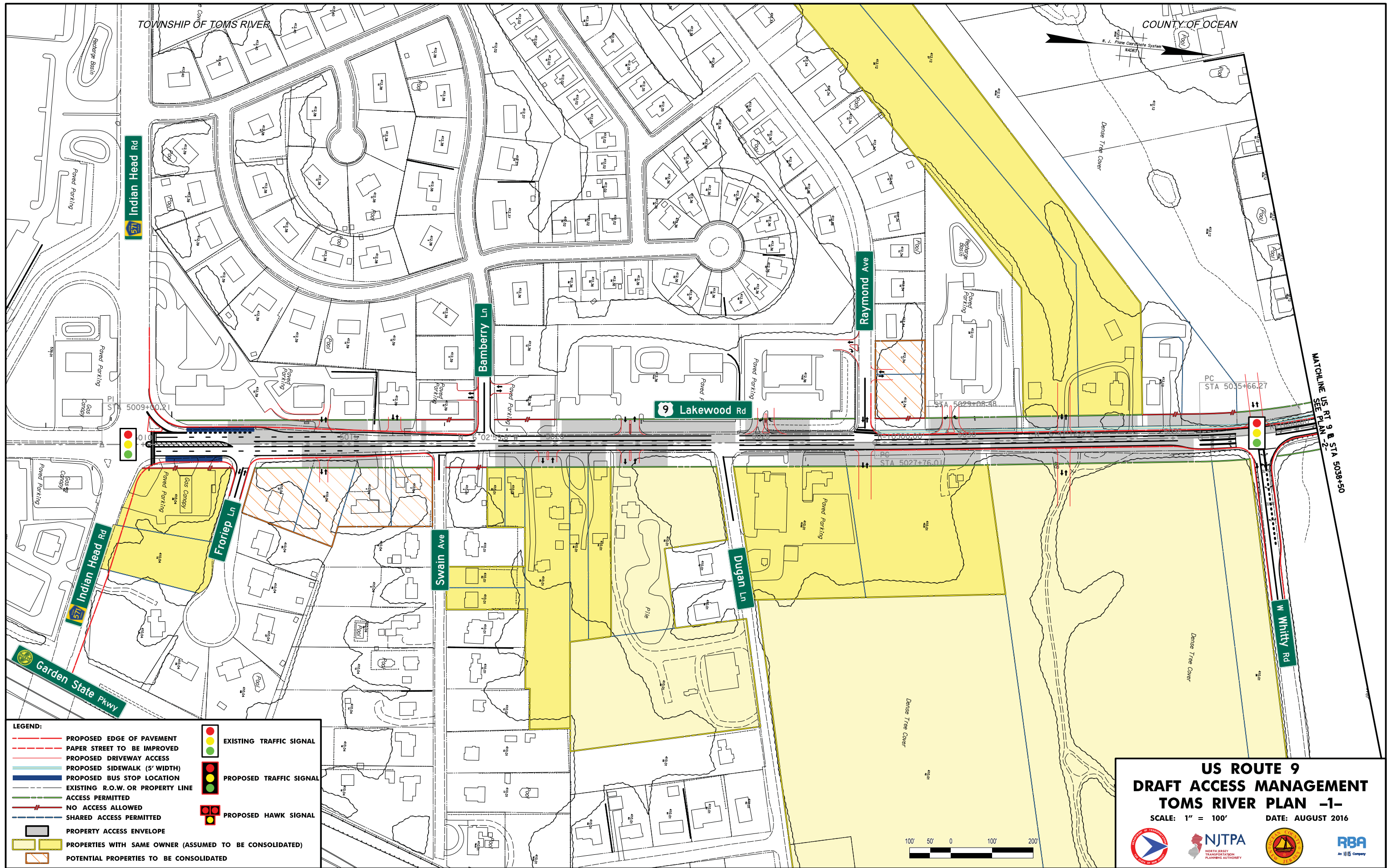
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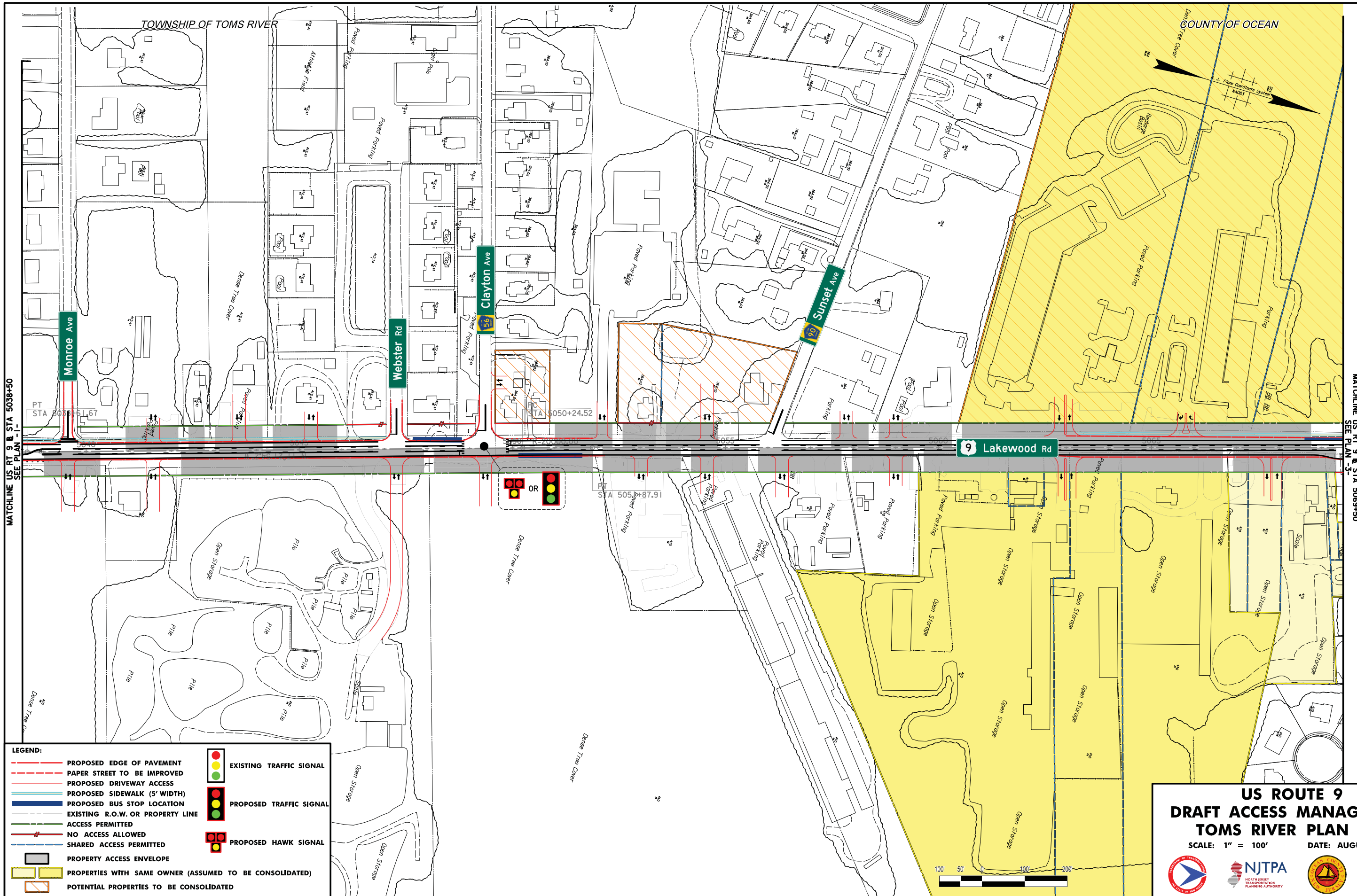
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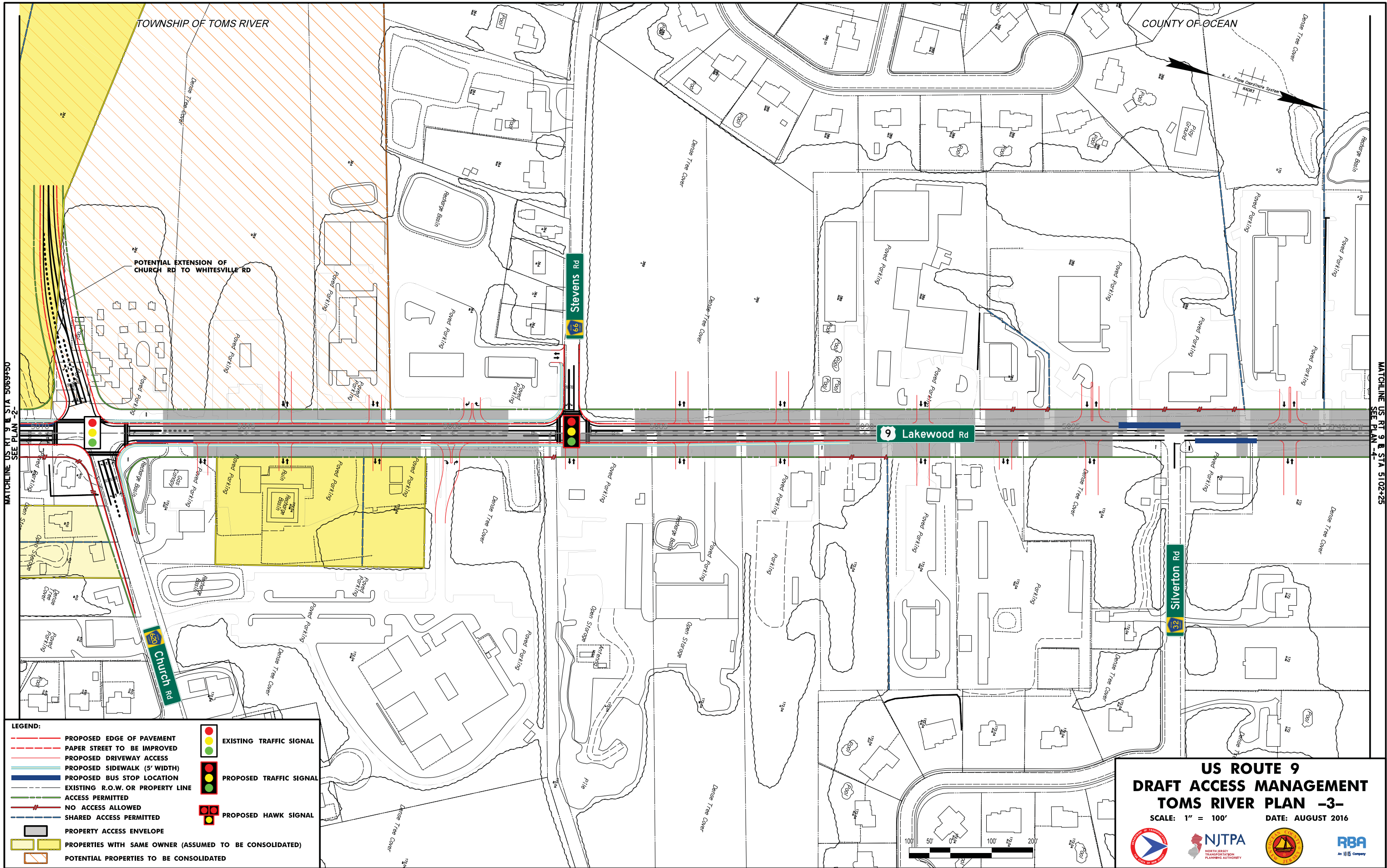


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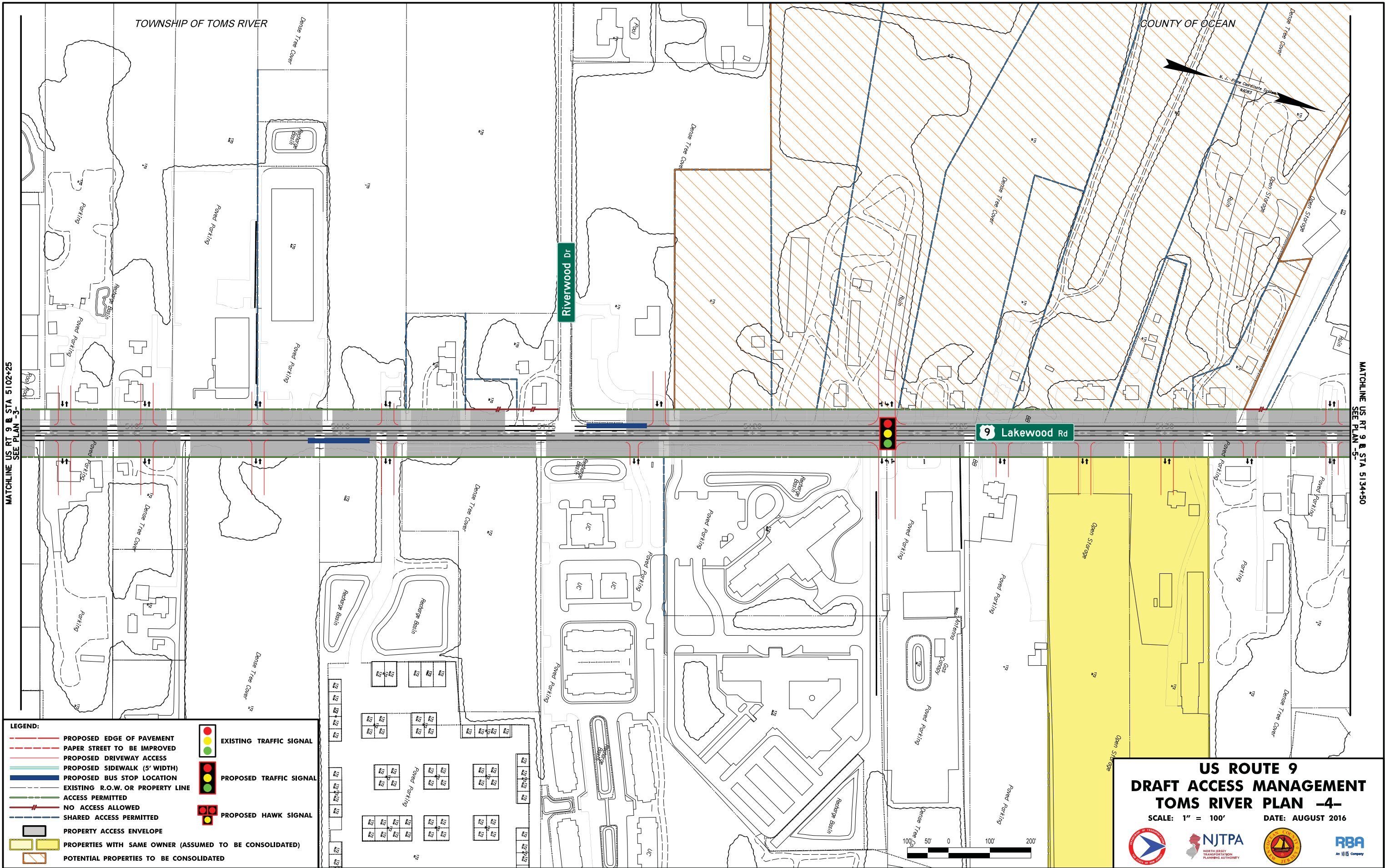
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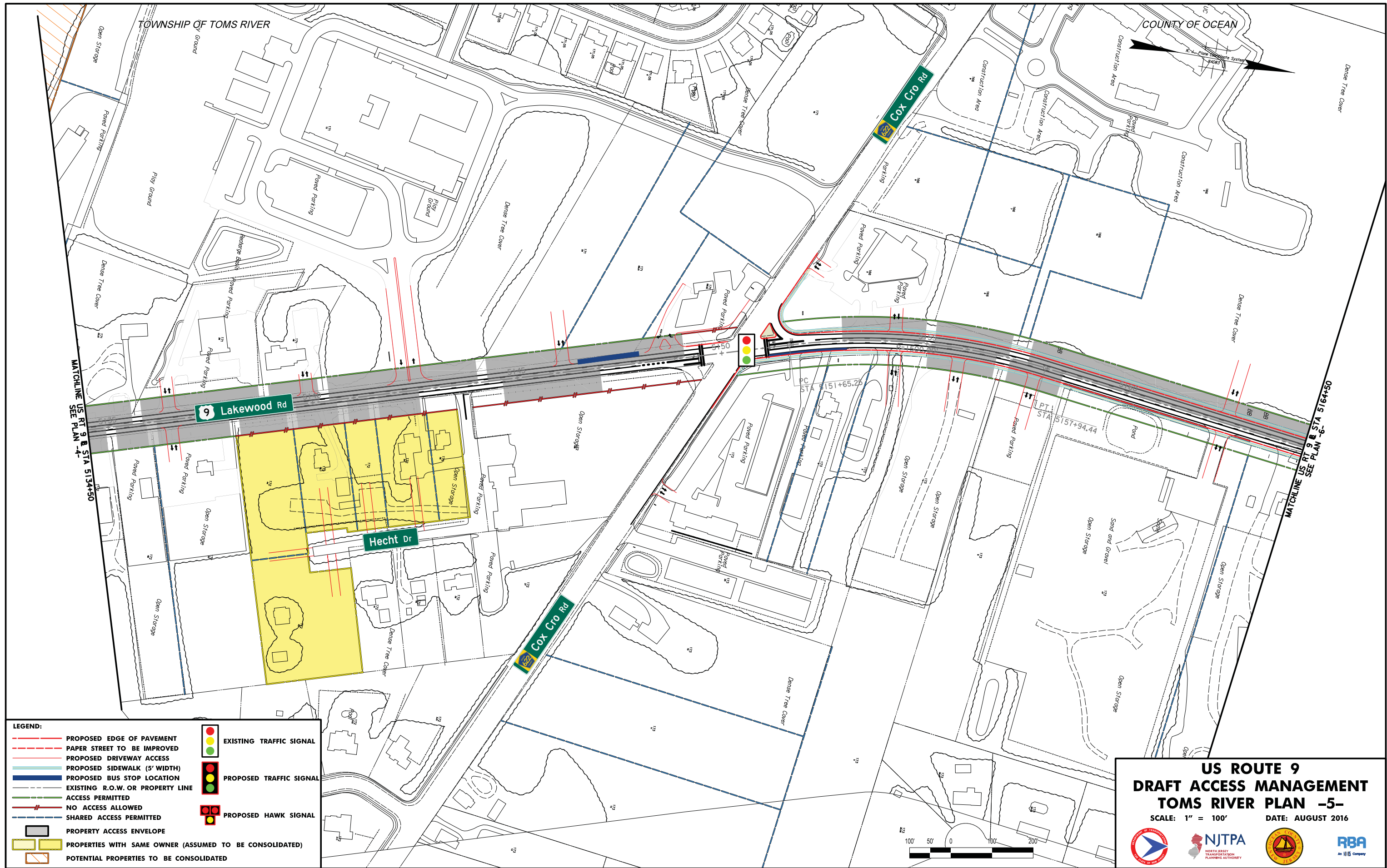
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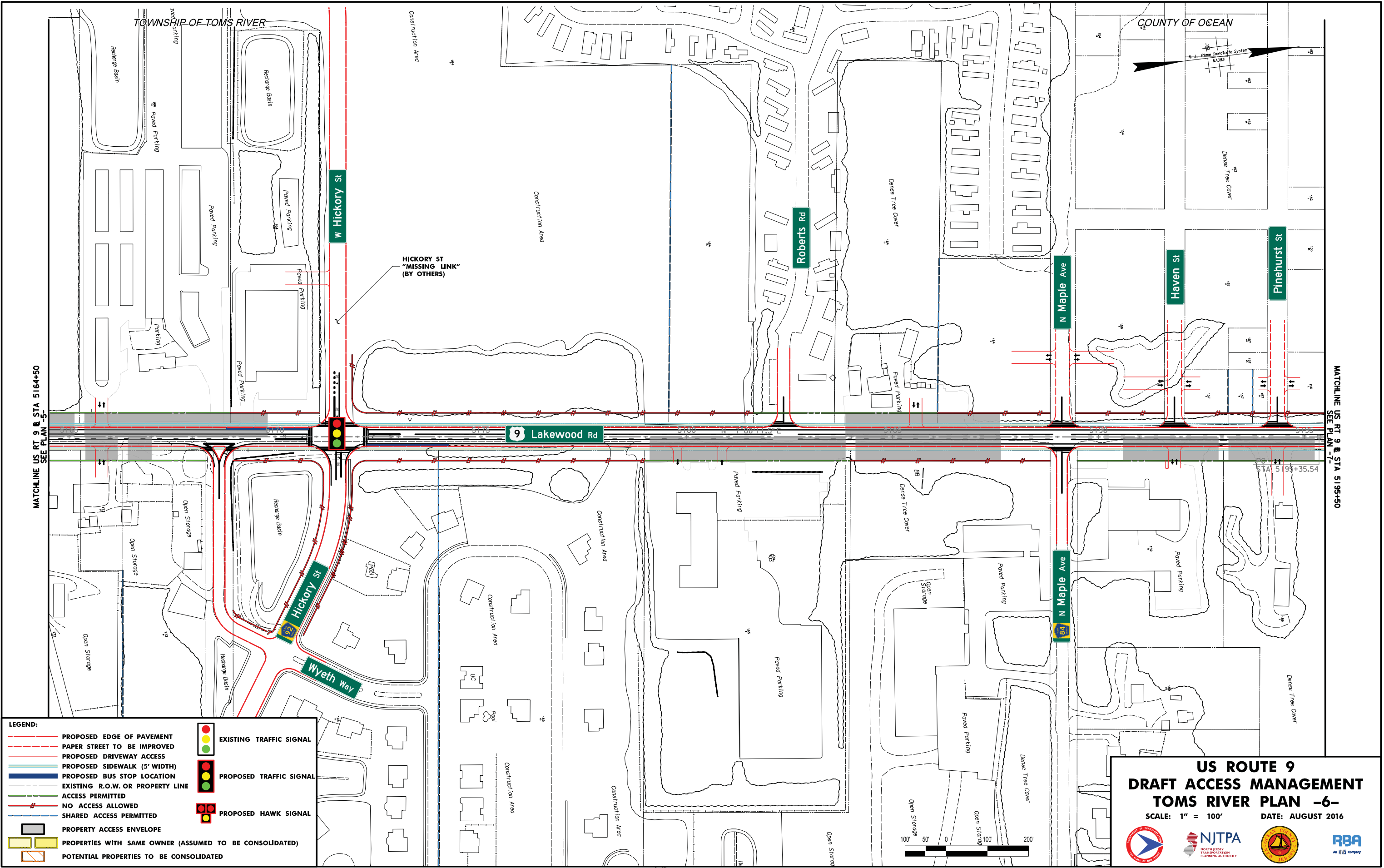
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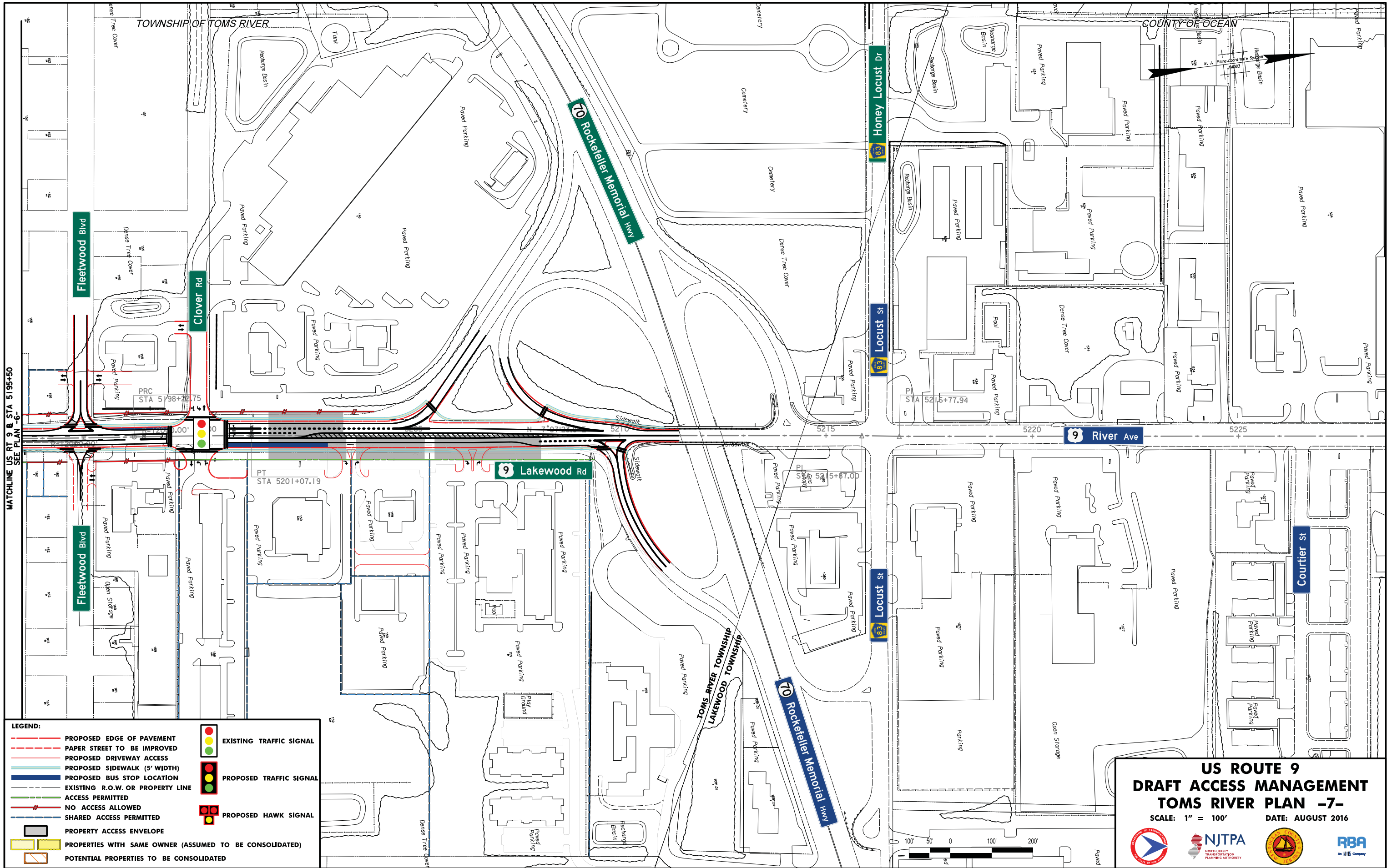








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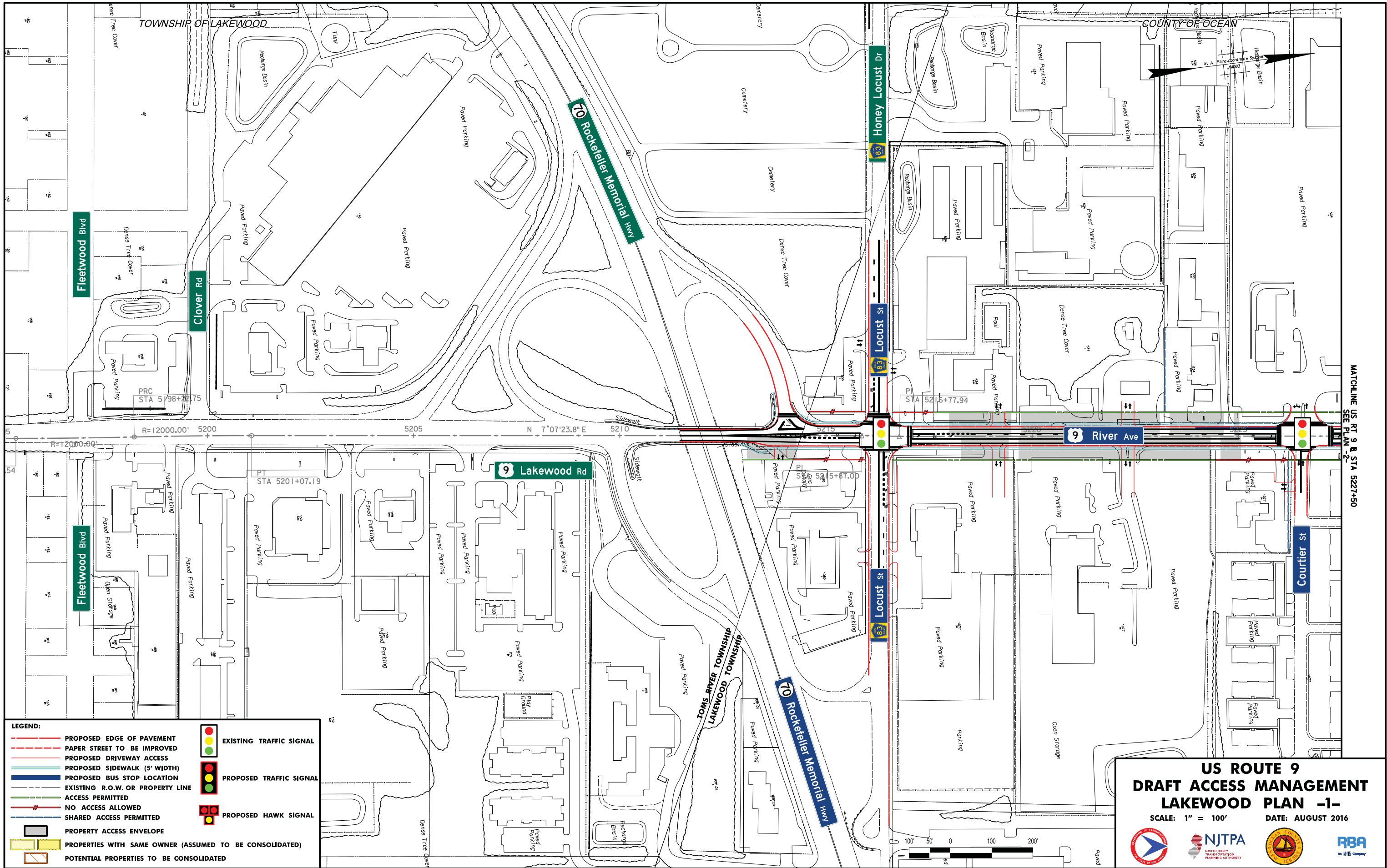


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***APPENDIX H***

***Access Management Plan for Lakewood***





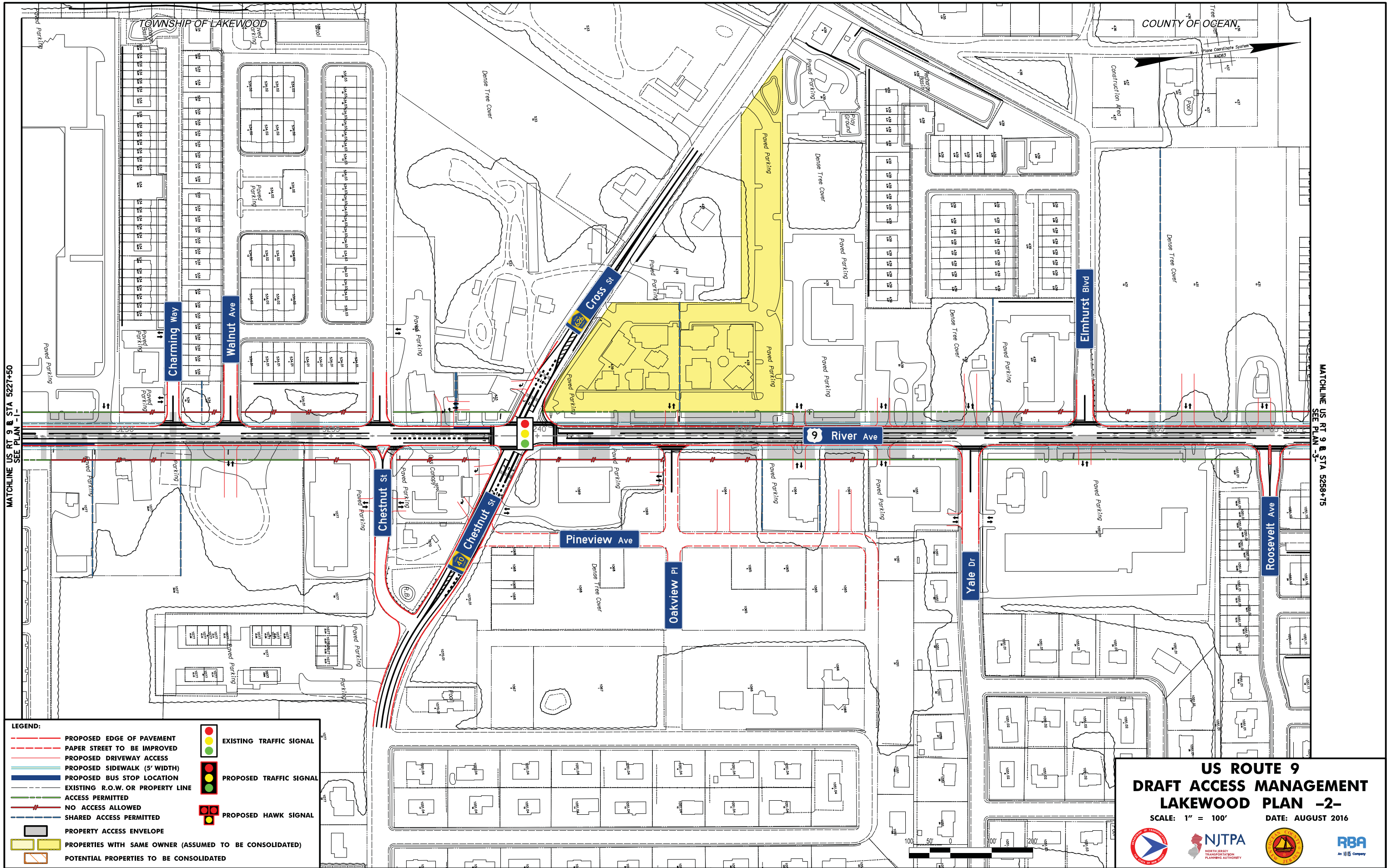
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**LEGEND:**

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	PROPOSED DRIVEWAY ACCESS		PROPOSED HAWK SIGNAL
	PROPOSED SIDEWALK (5' WIDTH)		
	PROPOSED BUS STOP LOCATION		
	EXISTING R.O.W. OR PROPERTY LINE		
	ACCESS PERMITTED		
	NO ACCESS ALLOWED		
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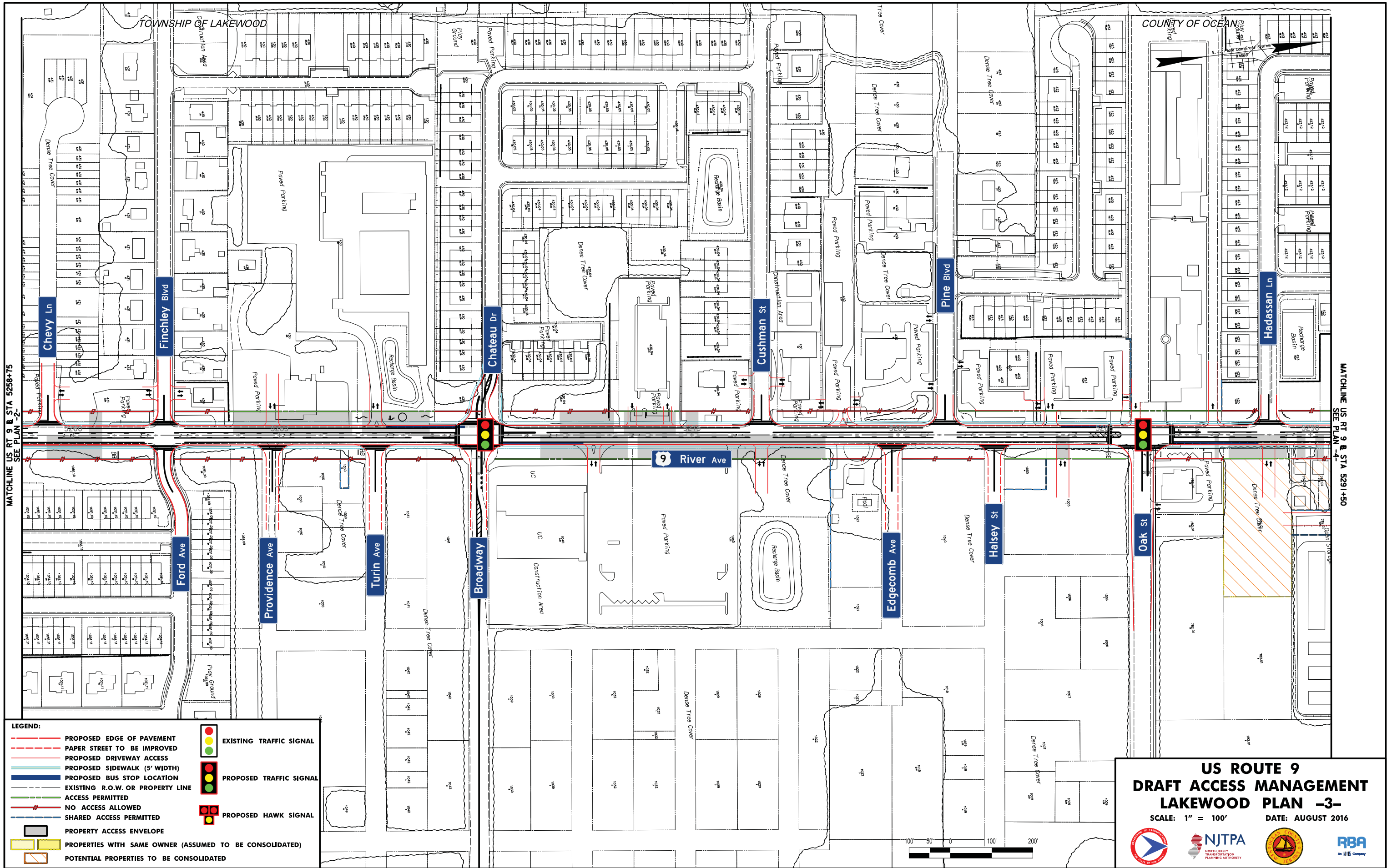
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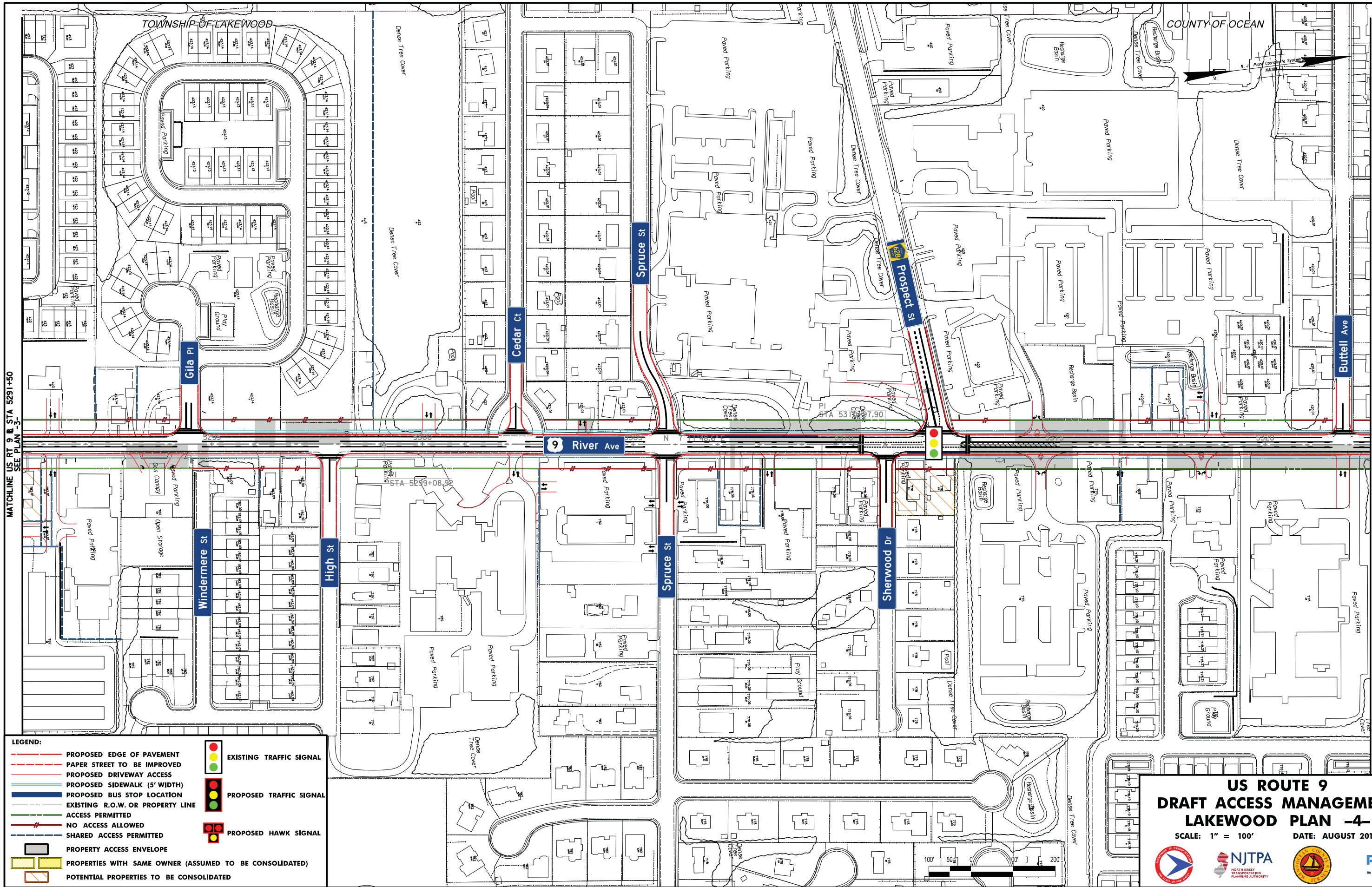


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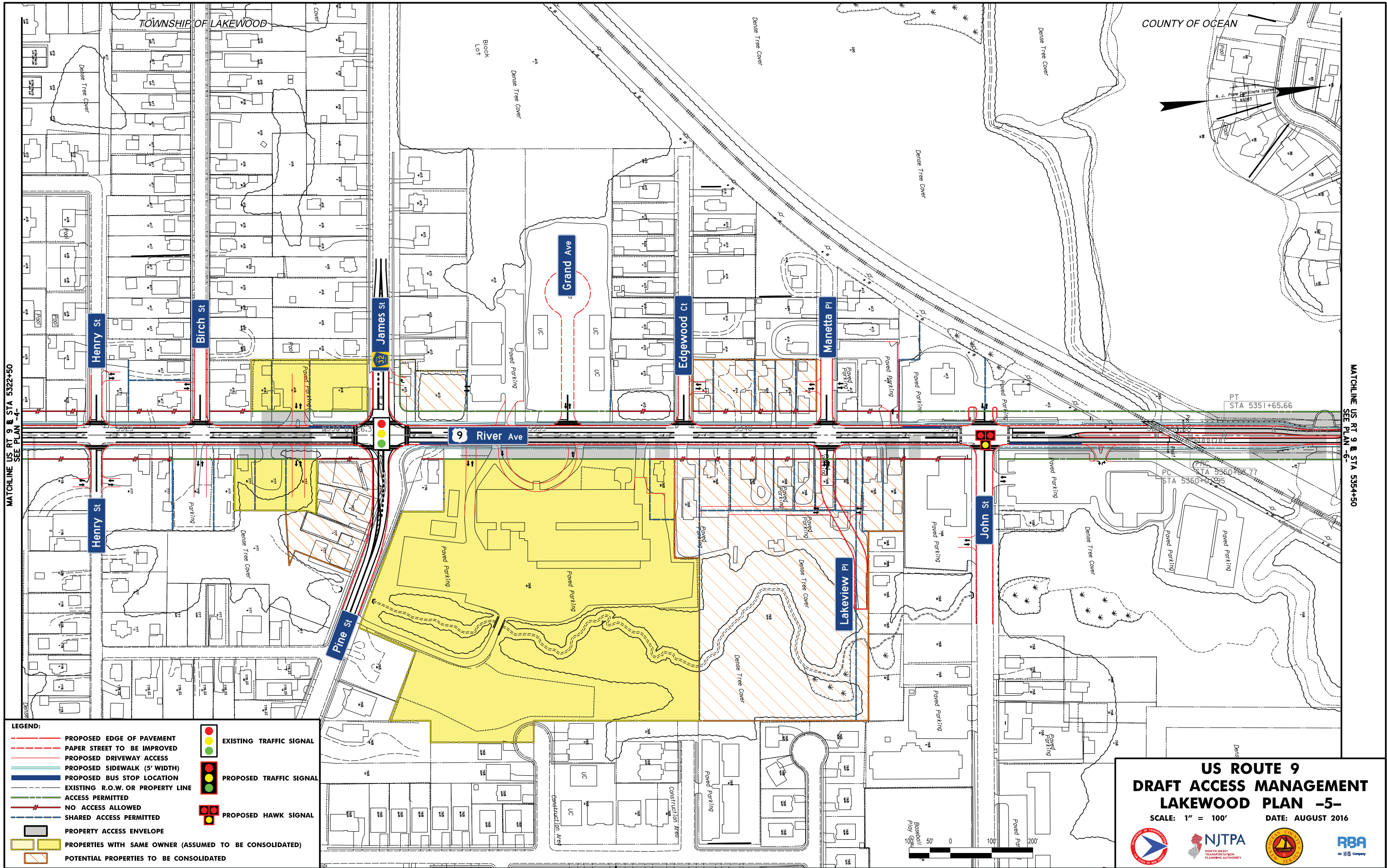


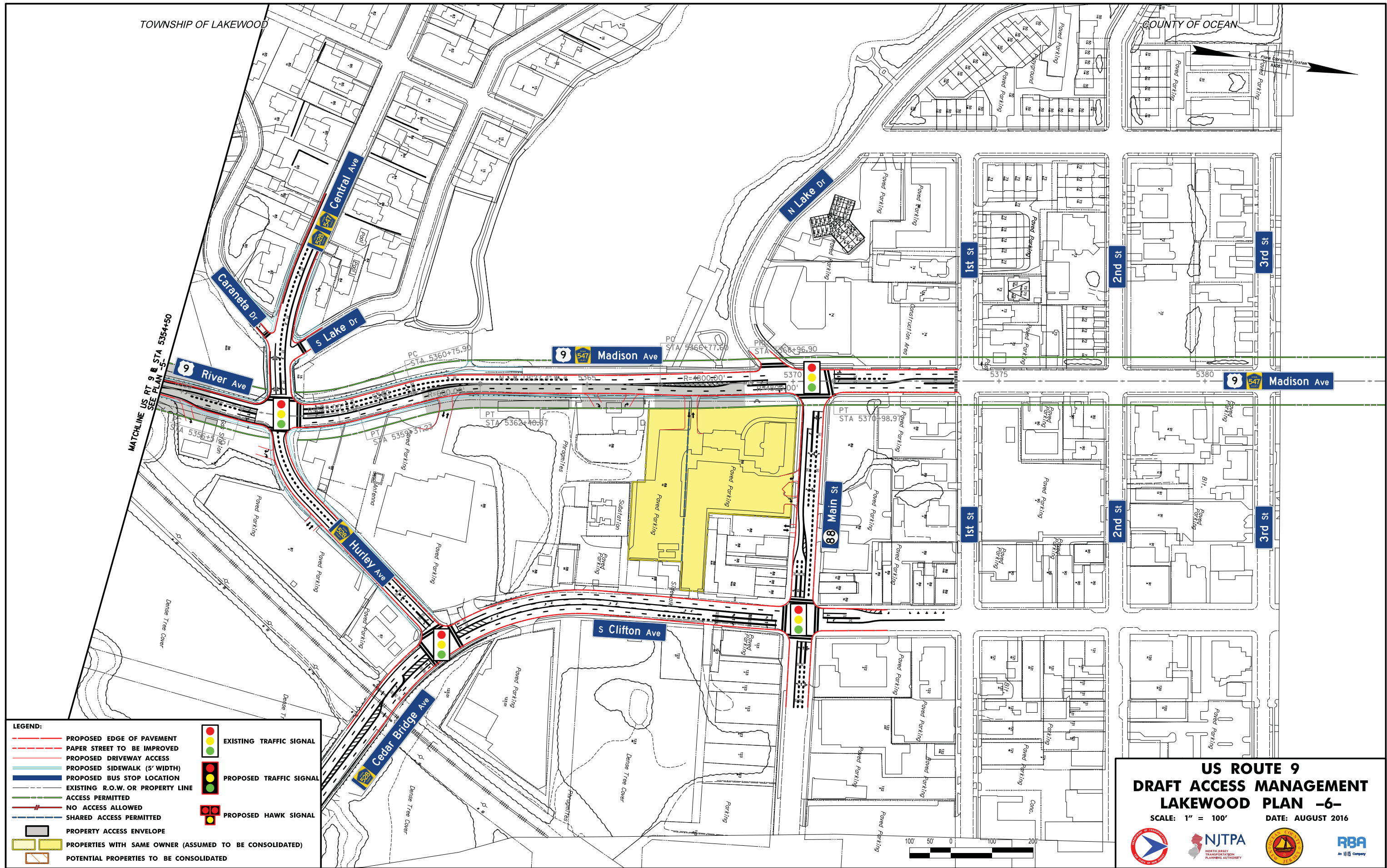
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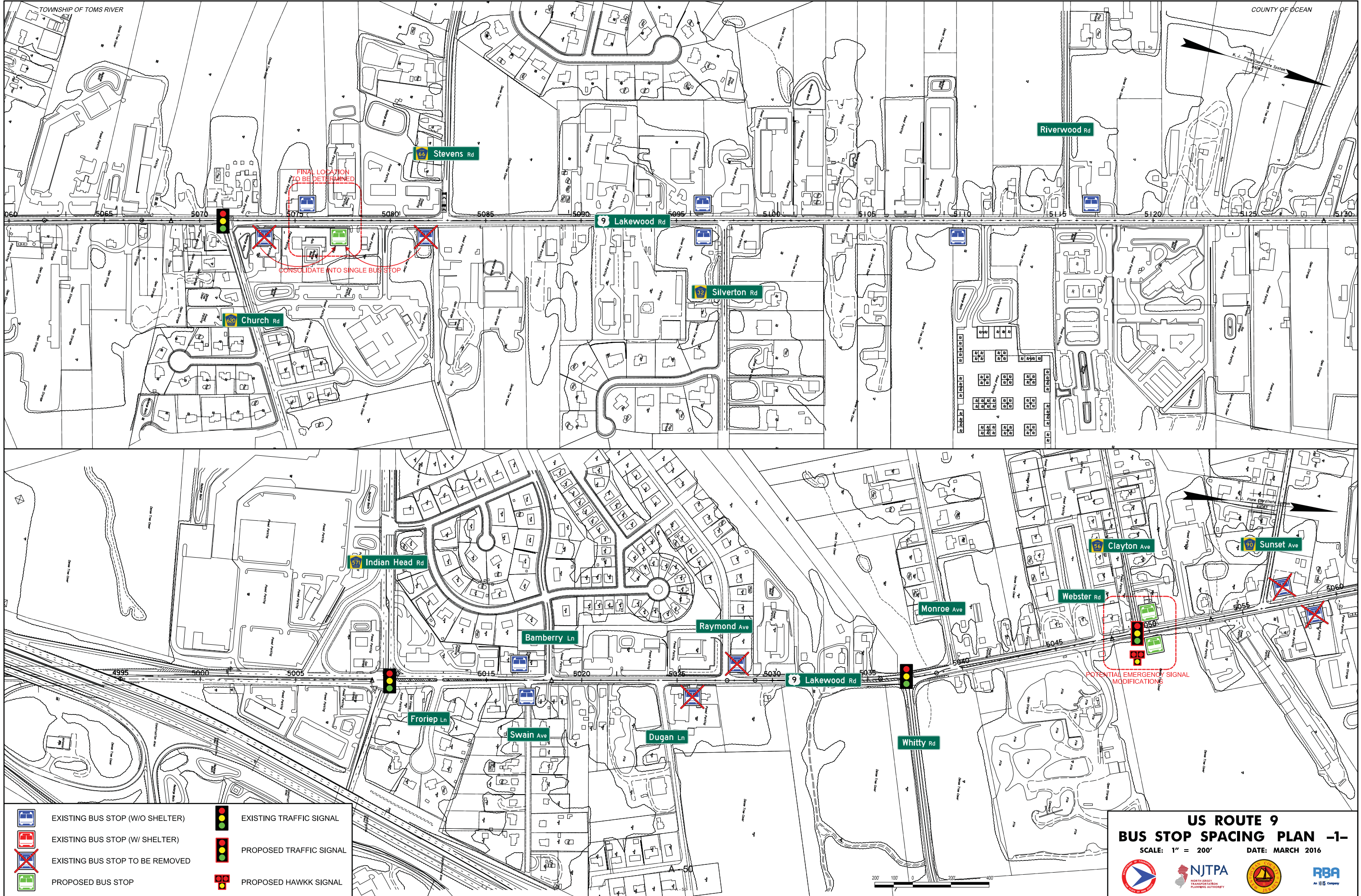




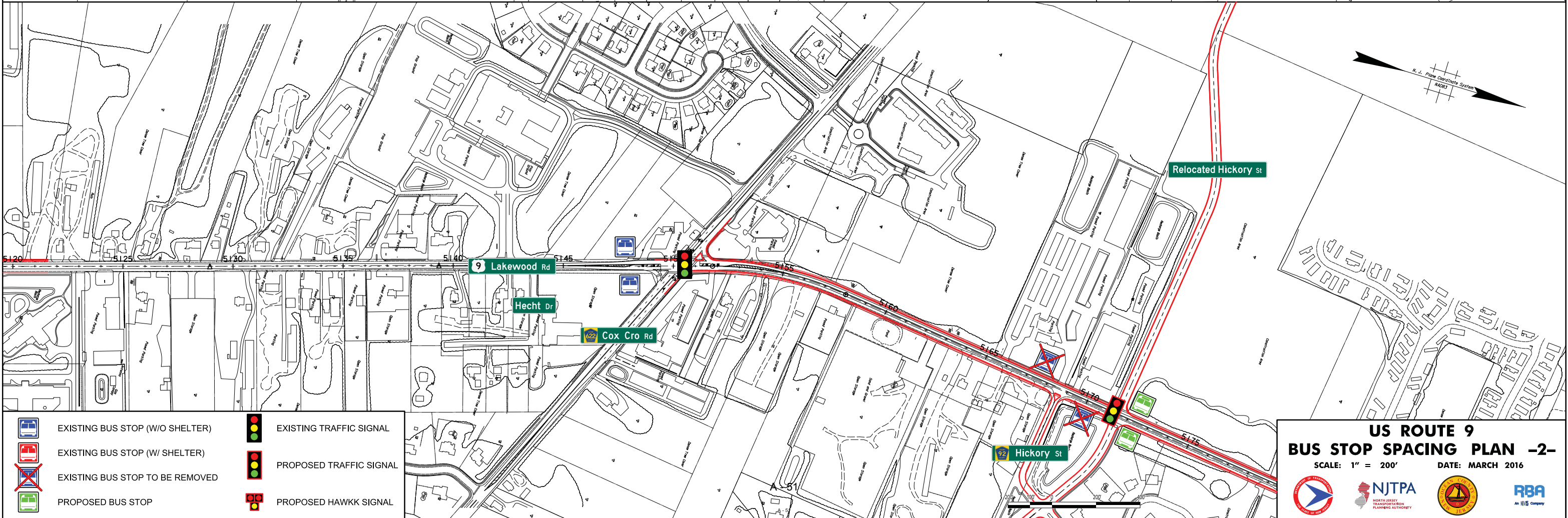
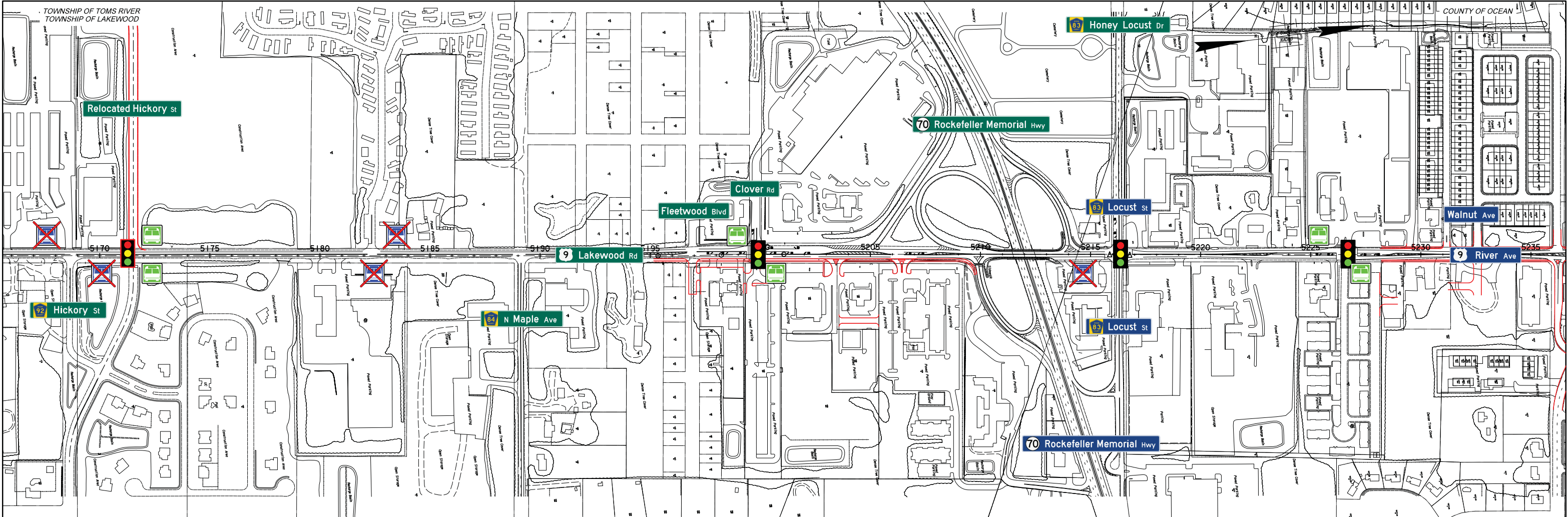


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***APPENDIX I  
Bus Stop Relocation Plans***



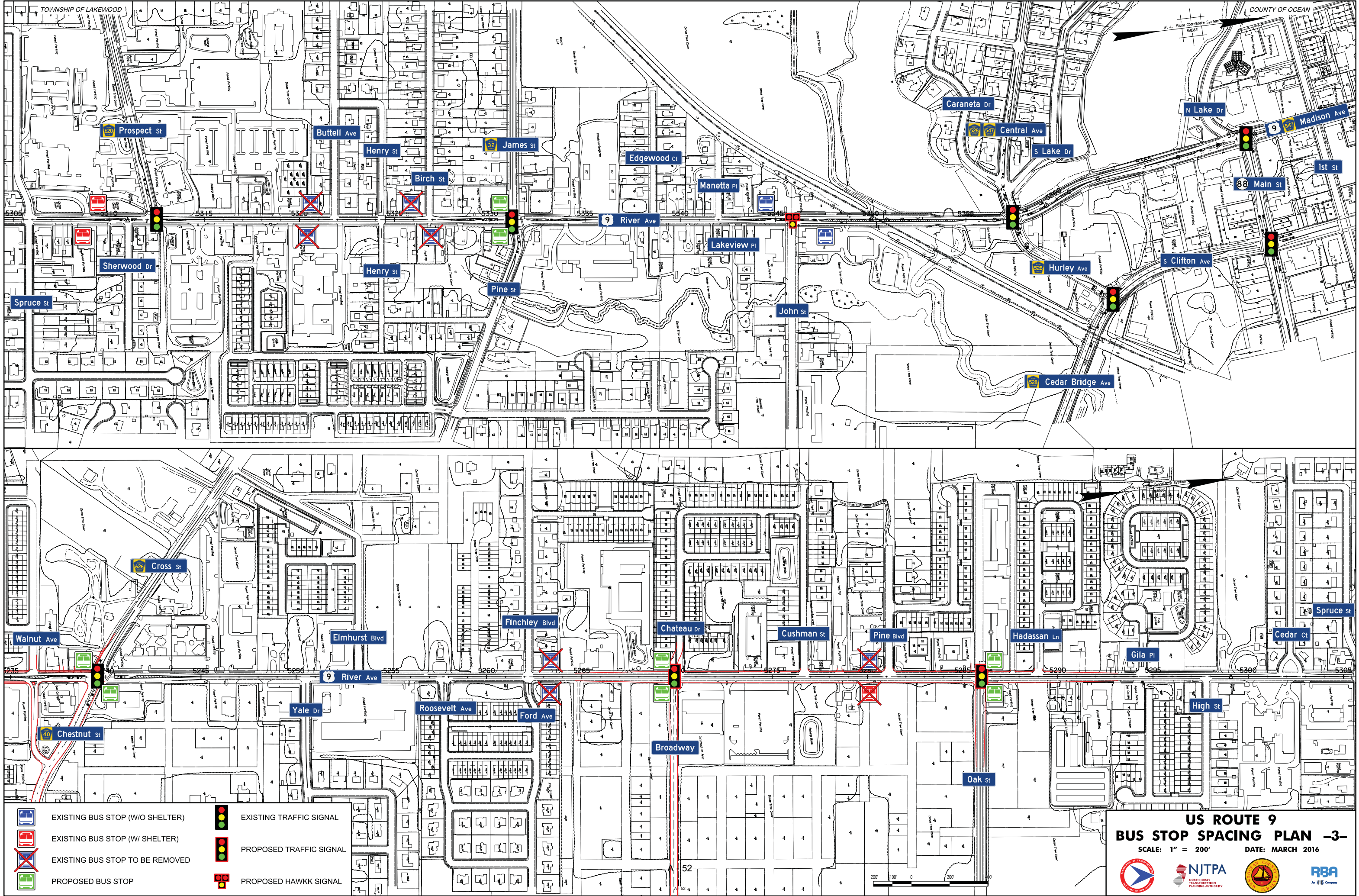




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	PROPOSED BUS STOP		

**US ROUTE 9**  
**BUS STOP SPACING PLAN -2-**  
 SCALE: 1" = 200'  
 DATE: MARCH 2016





**US ROUTE 9  
BUS STOP SPACING PLAN -3-**

SCALE: 1" = 200' DATE: MARCH 2016



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***APPENDIX J***

***Quarterly Reports to Commissioner from Working Group***





## **US 9 Corridor Study – Managing and Accommodating Growth in Lakewood & Toms River, Ocean County**

### **Access Management Plan (AMP) Working Group Quarterly Progress Report #2 to NJDOT Commissioner as per Title 16:47-6.5 (j) of New Jersey State Highway Access Management Code**

Period: August 1, 2015 – October 31, 2015

#### **Progress Report:**

The purpose of the US 9 Corridor Study – Managing and Accommodating Growth in Lakewood & Toms River, Ocean County is to develop an Access Management Plan for Route 9 within Lakewood and Toms River which can be utilized in the future to guide long-term improvements to the roadway and adjacent properties. The study also identifies spot improvements and corridor-wide design treatments, within a limited right-of-way, that address existing operational deficiencies, high crash rates, anticipated future development, and optimizes safety, mobility and access for motorized vehicles, transit users, pedestrians and bicyclists.

In accordance with the NJDOT's Access Management Plan (AMP) code (Title 16:47-6.5 (i)), the US 9 Corridor Study Working Group continued to meet monthly through the second quarter of the 12-month study to jointly coordinate the progress of the work activities.

The Working Group met on August 18<sup>th</sup>, September 18<sup>th</sup>, and October 15<sup>th</sup> at the Ocean County Engineering Office. The Working Group includes representatives formally designated by the governing bodies of Ocean County, Lakewood Township, and Toms River Township, as well as representatives of the Greater Mercer Transportation Management Association (GMTMA), the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), New Jersey Transit (NJ TRANSIT), and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA). It is chaired by the representative of the NJ DOT commissioner.

In addition, two public meetings were held in Toms River at the Ocean County Library on August 18<sup>th</sup> and in Lakewood at the municipal building on August 25<sup>th</sup>. Many Working Group members attended one or both meetings.

**The Working Group meeting #4 on August 18<sup>th</sup>** reviewed existing conditions data, assumptions for future conditions, base maps, land use analysis, and the proposed format for the upcoming public outreach meetings. The group also reviewed and commented on the project team's proposed Low Cost / High Impact Improvements at target intersections that are critical bottlenecks in the corridor. These locations included the intersections of US 9 with Central Ave./Hurley & Main St., James St./Pine St., and Cross St./Chestnut St.



The Working Group reviewed the project team's traffic growth rate assumptions and commented on the need for better east-west corridors within the study area as well as the need for a corridor vision that includes multi-modal alternatives to driving single occupancy vehicles, such as improved transit or bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

**The September 18<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting #5** included review of public meetings held in August, discussion of additional outreach efforts, and forecast assumptions for traffic and land use impacts. Working Group members continued their discussion of growth forecasts for traffic and land use. The Working Group requested Level of Service calculations for existing, future, & future with improvements scenarios at each of the bottlenecks under consideration for Low Cost/High Impact improvements. The Working Group also provided critical feedback for revising the Central Ave./Hurley & Main St. improvement concept. In addition, the group discussed preliminary bus stop improvement concepts for US 9 that included the addition of bus pull-outs, relocation of bus stops, and improvement of nearby pedestrian crossings.

**The October 15<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting #6** discussed the analysis of bicycle and pedestrian crashes along the corridor, future traffic signal locations, traffic forecasts, including previously requested revisions from the Working Group for LOS calculations, and concepts for Low Cost/High Impact improvements and parallel route concepts to divert traffic from Route 9. The County expressed concerns that expanding parallel routes along County roadways should not be construed as an alternative to future improvements to Route 9. The Working Group also discussed the potential regulatory impact of a codified Access Management Plan.

#### **Public Outreach Meetings**

Two public meetings were held to gain public input on issues, needs, and possible improvement strategies along the corridor. The meetings were held on August 18<sup>th</sup> in Toms River and August 25<sup>th</sup> in Lakewood. Advertisement of the meetings included dissemination of information through county, municipal and TMA stakeholder contacts, as well as a direct mailing to owners of property abutting the portion of Route 9 that is under study. Each meeting included introductory remarks from local officials and state legislators, as well as a project overview presentation on existing conditions and access management planning by the consultant. A workshop style format encouraged members of the public to visit three information stations to address traffic, land use, and bicycles/pedestrians/transit issues and needs. A fourth station for feedback included an exit survey and a visual preference exercise to document public input on potential corridor features. The meeting in Lakewood was particularly well attended with more than 500 participants. It is anticipated that additional outreach will be conducted over the winter.


Report prepared and submitted by:  
Keith Hamas, AICP  
Principal Planner: Safety Planning and Mobility Programs  
North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority

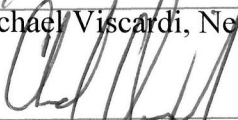
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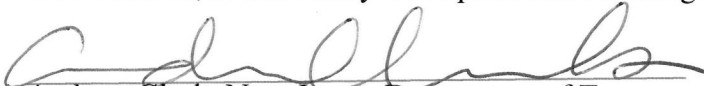
  
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Andrew Clark, New Jersey Department of Transportation



*Peter S. Palmer, Chair*  
*Mary K. Murphy, Executive Director*

## **US 9 Corridor Study – Managing and Accommodating Growth in Lakewood & Toms River, Ocean County**

Access Management Plan Working Group Quarterly Progress Report #3 to NJDOT  
Commissioner as per Title 16:47-6.5 (j) of New Jersey State Highway Access  
Management Code

Period: November 1, 2015 – January 31, 2016

### **Progress Report:**

The purpose of the US 9 Corridor Study – Managing and Accommodating Growth in Lakewood & Toms River, Ocean County is to develop an Access Management Plan (AMP) for Route 9 within Lakewood and Toms River which can be utilized in the future to guide long-term improvements to the roadway and adjacent properties. The study also identifies spot improvements and corridor-wide design treatments, within a limited right-of-way, that address existing operational deficiencies, high crash rates, anticipated future development, and optimizes safety, mobility and access for motorized vehicles, transit users, pedestrians and bicyclists.

In accordance with the NJDOT's Access Management Code (Title 16:47-6.5 (i)), the US 9 Corridor Study Working Group continued to meet monthly through the third quarter of the 12-month study to jointly coordinate the progress of the work activities.

The Working Group met on November 16<sup>th</sup>, December 15<sup>th</sup>, and January 12<sup>th</sup> at the Ocean County Engineering Office. The Working Group includes representatives formally designated by the governing bodies of Ocean County, Lakewood Township, and Toms River Township, as well as representatives of the Greater Mercer Transportation Management Association (GMTMA), the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), New Jersey Transit (NJ TRANSIT), and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA). It is chaired by the representative of the NJ DOT commissioner.

In addition, two supplemental outreach events were held in Lakewood at the municipal building on December 10<sup>th</sup> and December 17<sup>th</sup>.

**The Working Group meeting #7 on November 16<sup>th</sup>** recapped the October 27<sup>th</sup> NJDOT subject matter expert meeting and reviewed existing Route 9 access and lot conformity conditions. The working group also learned about two supplemental public outreach events to occur in December to target population segments that were underrepresented in the first round of input gathering public outreach meetings that were held in August. The discussion on access included a review of example access modifications such as alternative access points, shared access points, and future access points. The Working Group provided insight on lot-specific access issues and critical feedback on how access modifications may be perceived by the community. The working group also requested that right-in-right-out access to existing driveways be maintained.



**The December 15<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting #8** included reviewed feedback from the December 10<sup>th</sup> Spanish-language public meeting and notice of the upcoming women's focus group on December 17<sup>th</sup>. The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarterly progress report was circulated for signatures, and upcoming Local Officials, Public and Supplemental Stakeholder meetings were also discussed. The Working Group reviewed a draft AMP and discussed issues related to driveway access, conformity and modifications. The Working Group provided feedback on the draft and discussed the potential ramifications of lot-specific access modifications. There was also discussion on how access modifications and future roadway reconfigurations may impact transit users, pedestrians and cyclists.

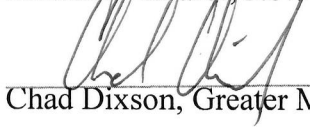
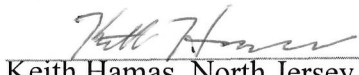
**The January 12<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting #9** discussed the findings of the supplemental outreach efforts to the Spanish-speaking community and the women's focus group. The Working Group also reviewed content for the upcoming local officials meetings. The Working Group discussed the comments collected regarding the previously issued draft of the AMP and reviewed a revised AMP. The County, Toms River, and Lakewood reiterated their interest in a roadway widening, and there was a brief conversation on how ROW acquisition would impact the project. There was also discussion of the Low Cost / High-Impact improvements and general support for the inclusion of a Two-Way Left Turn Lane.

#### **Supplemental Public Outreach Events**

Acknowledging concerns that the initial public outreach meetings that were for the purpose of gaining public input did not sufficiently reach the Spanish-speaking community nor women of the Orthodox community, it was decided to hold two supplemental outreach events. The Rutgers Voorhees Transportation Center (VTC) facilitated logistics for both events. For the Spanish-language meeting held on December 10<sup>th</sup>, VTC worked with Spanish-speaking news outlets and community leaders and posted advertisements in shop windows in downtown Lakewood. The format for the meeting was similar to the workshop style of the initial public outreach meetings. For the December 17<sup>th</sup> focus group meeting, VTC worked with the Lakewood administrative offices to identify a group of women to be part of a 10-12 person group that reviewed and discussed a condensed version of the workshop materials.

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## **US 9 Corridor Study – Managing and Accommodating Growth in Lakewood & Toms River, Ocean County**

### **Access Management Plan Working Group Quarterly Progress Report #3 to NJDOT Commissioner as per Title 16:47-6.5 (j) of New Jersey State Highway Access Management Code**

Period: February 1, 2016 – April 30, 2016

#### **Progress Report:**

The purpose of the US 9 Corridor Study – Managing and Accommodating Growth in Lakewood & Toms River, Ocean County is to develop an Access Management Plan (AMP) for Route 9 within Lakewood and Toms River which can be utilized in the future to guide long-term improvements to the roadway and adjacent properties. The study also identifies spot improvements and corridor-wide design treatments, within a limited right-of-way, that address existing operational deficiencies, high crash rates, anticipated future development, and optimizes safety, mobility and access for motorized vehicles, transit users, pedestrians and bicyclists.

In accordance with the NJDOT's Access Management Code (Title 16:47-6.5 (i)), the US 9 Corridor Study Working Group continued to meet periodically through the fourth quarter of the study to jointly coordinate the progress of the work activities. During this quarter, Working Group members focused on coordinating with NJDOT staff experts to gain consensus and buy-in regarding the study's recommendations, including intersection improvements and, in particular, the creation of a continuous two-way left turn lane within the existing right of way along the study corridor.

The Working Group includes representatives formally designated by the governing bodies of Ocean County, Lakewood Township, and Toms River Township, as well as representatives of the Greater Mercer Transportation Management Association (GMTMA), the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), New Jersey Transit (NJ TRANSIT), and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA). It is chaired by the representative of the NJ DOT commissioner.

#### **Working Group Meetings**

The Working Group did not meet during this quarter due to ongoing coordination efforts between project managers and key stakeholder groups to reach consensus on the proposed recommendations of the study.



The Working Group scheduled to meet early in the next quarter (May 6<sup>th</sup>) to discuss planning for upcoming Local Officials Meetings and Public Outreach Meetings in both Toms River and Lakewood.

Due to additional interagency coordination, project managers coordinated within the NJDOT throughout the quarter to secure a six-month extension to the state access code's twelve-month AMP development process. Upon NJDOT approval, the extension would authorize the Working Group to conclude the AMP planning process by November 2, 2016.


### **Supplemental Stakeholder Outreach Events**

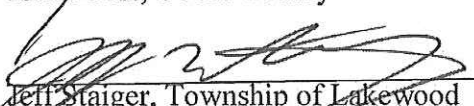
Two supplemental stakeholder outreach meetings took place throughout the quarter. On February 24<sup>th</sup>, the NJTPA met with NJDOT subject matter experts to review the study's recommended Low Cost High Impact (LCHI) improvements and to receive expert input on potential design standards for a proposed continuous left turn lane within the existing right of way. The project team utilized NJDOT expert guidance to clarify the design and speed limit considerations that would facilitate implementation of a continuous two-way left turn lane along the study corridor.

On April 6<sup>th</sup>, the NJTPA project manager attended the NJDOT's Capital Programming Screening Committee meeting at NJDOT offices to take part in discussion of the Route 9 Indian Head Road, Central Ave. Hurley Ave. Pavement project, a project that includes the length of the AMP study corridor. The NJDOT project manager conveyed to the committee that the repaving project would include evaluation all of the corridor study's LCHI spot improvement concepts during the preliminary engineering phase of the project. The NJTPA requested that the repaving project also include evaluation of the corridor study's continuous two-way left turn lane concept. The NJDOT project manager and screening committee formally acknowledged the request and agreed to evaluate the feasibility of the proposed turn lane during preliminary engineering, which is expected to proceed by the end of May 2016.

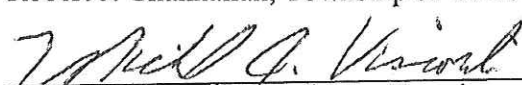
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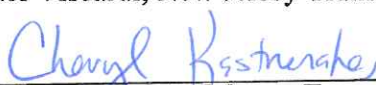
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***APPENDIX K***

***Public Outreach Summaries and Survey Results for Toms  
River***





## **U.S. Route 9 Corridor Study Public Meeting 1**

### **MEETING SUMMARY**

**Location:** Ocean County Library, 101 Washington St, Toms River NJ 08754

**Date:** August 18, 2015

**Time:** 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**Purpose:** The meeting was intended to engage the public in the Route 9 Corridor Study process, and measure their desires for the future vision of Route 9.

**Attendees:** 26 persons signed in

**Meeting Format:** A brief presentation was given twice (5:30 and 7:00 pm), and comments were taken from the public. Four stations were positioned around the room to allow attendees to interact with staff and ask questions about the topics — Traffic; Land Use; Bicycle and Pedestrians; and Feedback. At the Feedback Station participants were given three dots and asked to vote on their preference. Participants were also given a survey and staff collected comments throughout the event.

**Summary of Feedback:** Participants provided general and specific comments for the study. The following are some of the more prevalent issues raised:

- The public wants Route 9 widened
- The public wants two-way left turn lanes and left turn access to remain. Left turn lanes were seen as an immediate improvement.
- Shoulders need to be kept.
- Sidewalks need to be completed.

#### **Summary of comments received, either in writing, through questions and answers, or informally:**

- Howell Township has increased its development along Route 9, mainly from the dualization of the roadway. Businesses want widened roads and by widening the road, there will be more economic activity and more jobs
- Sidewalks in the area are in unacceptable shape for people with disabilities. It is safer to walk in the shoulder of the roadway than on the sidewalk. There are no shelters available for transit users in Toms River which discourages use.
- Even if one comes out at 4:30 am, there is a traffic jam on Route 9
- “I don’t use Route 9 – it is way too congested.”
- The congestion at the intersection of Route 166 and Route 37 is bigger issue than Route 9
- Senior residential complex offers free shuttle to ShopRite, Kohls, mall, etc.
- “Do what is good for the people”
- New development at Whitty Road. Prior to 2012 there were several homeless folks struck by motor vehicles

- Bus stops – need safe crossings
- Prefer jug handles over center turn lane
- Multiple fatal accidents have occurred from people attempting to turn left on/off of Rt 9. There needs to be a median barrier to prevent this from happening
- A property owner, who is pursuing a fast food franchise, raised concerns about potential access restrictions if the roadway were divided. The owner is concerned a divider would restrict business potential. The owner also mentioned that proposed development of Whitty Road Business Park for residential will not allow for access from lots on Dugan Lane to signalized intersection at Whitty Road.

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8 Total Surveys Submitted

**Where do you live?** (circle one)

(7) Toms River

(0) Lakewood

(1) Other

(0) Blank

**Where do you work?** (circle one, leave blank if you don't work)

(3) Toms River

(0) Lakewood

(4) Other

(1) Blank

**What is Your Age ?** (circle one)

(0) Under 18

(0) 18-24

(1) 25-34

(0) Blank

(3) 35-54

(3) 55-64

(1) 65 &amp; Over

**What is Your Gender?** (circle one)

(3) Male

(5) Female

(0) Blank

**Do you have convenient access to a car?** (circle one)

(7) Yes

(1) No

**How often do you use the bus on Route 9?** (circle one)

(0) Daily

(1) Weekly

(0) Monthly

(0) Blank

(2) Annually

(5) Never

**For what purpose do you primarily use Route 9?** (circle all that apply)

(1) Commute

(2) I work there

(6) Shopping

(1) School pick-up/drop-off

(2) I live there

(1) Doctors visits

(4) Dining

(3) Other

**How do you use Route 9?** (circle all that apply)

(7) Drive

(1) Bus

(0) Walk

(0) Bike

**What are your concerns for Route 9 in your town?** (circle the number that applies)

# that Circled		Not Concerned		Neutral		Highly Concerned	
(8)	Traffic Safety	1	2	3	4	5	(4.75)
(7)	Incomplete Sidewalks	1	2	3	4	5	(3.71)
(7)	Crossing Route 9 as a Pedestrian	1	2	3	4	5	(3.57)
(7)	Bicycle Safety	1	2	3	4	5	(3.29)
(7)	Travel Time	1	2	3	4	5	(4.43)
(7)	Access to Businesses & Side Streets	1	2	3	4	5	(4.71)
(7)	Level of Bus Service	1	2	3	4	5	(3.57)
(0)	Other	1	2	3	4	5	(0.00)



**What is most important to you?** (Pick top three and rank from one to three)

(Score determined by giving 1st choice 3pts, 2nd choice 2pts, 3rd choice 1pt)

Score		1st	2nd	3rd
(11)	Reducing Travel Time	(3)	(1)	(0)
(6)	Reducing Traffic Crashes	(0)	(3)	(0)
(5)	Improving Bus Service	(0)	(2)	(1)
(1)	Completing Sidewalks	(0)	(0)	(1)
(1)	Improving Pedestrian Crossings	(0)	(0)	(1)
(3)	Biking Safely Along and Across Route 9	(1)	(0)	(0)
(4)	Access Management	(1)	(0)	(1)
(3)	Making Left Turns into Private Driveways	(1)	(0)	(0)
(0)	Having a Shoulder on the Road	(0)	(0)	(0)
(1)	Making U turns	(0)	(0)	(1)
(0)	Other _____	(0)	(0)	(0)
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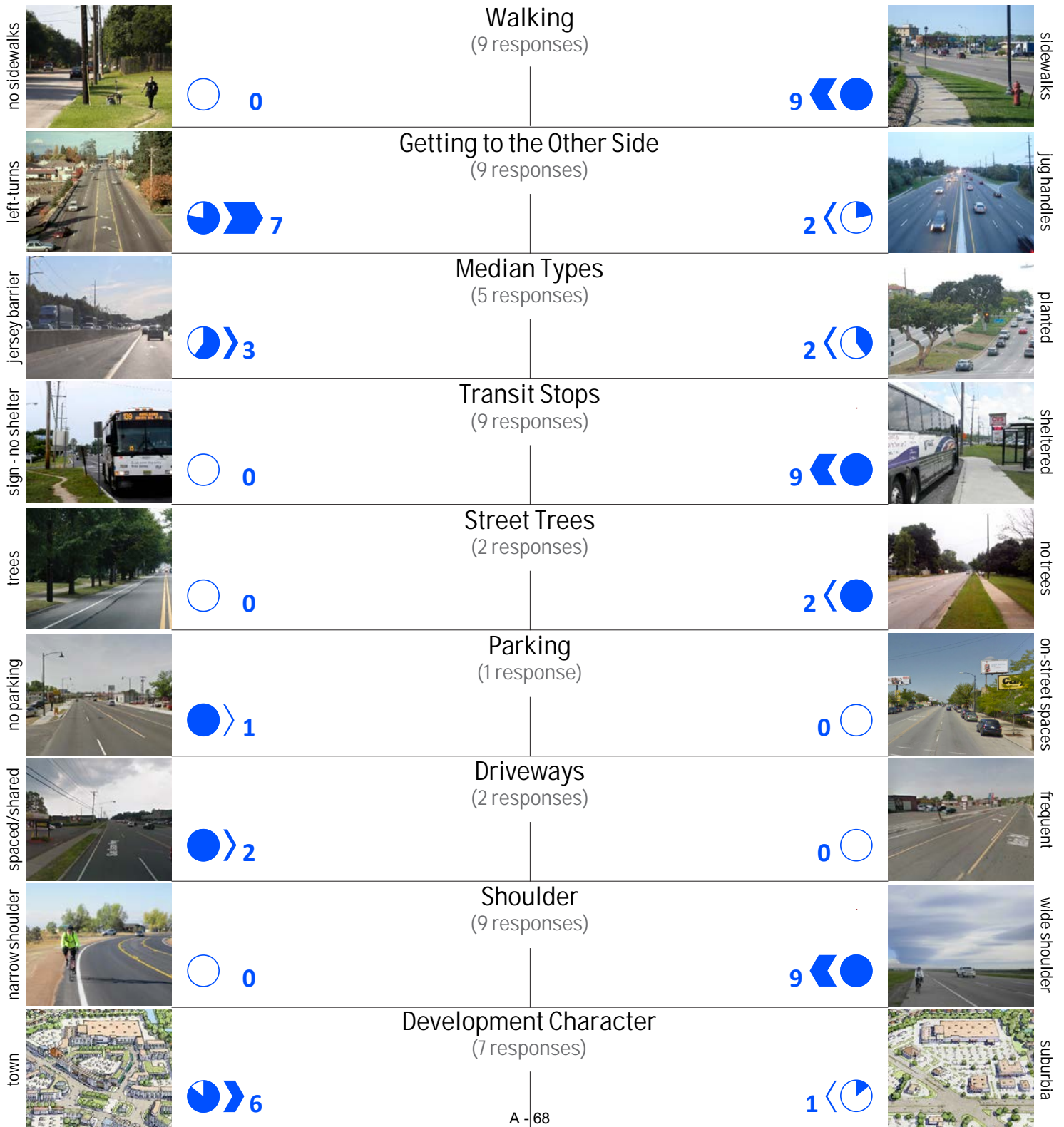
Reordered in Ranking:	Score
1) Reducing Travel Time	(11)
2) Reducing Travel Crashes	(6)
3) Improving Bus Service	(5)
4) Access Management	(4)
5) Biking Safely Along and Across Rt 9	(3)
6) Making left turns into private driveways	(3)
7) Completing Sidewalks	(1)
8) Improving Pedestrian Crossings	(1)
9) Making U-Turns	(1)
10) Having a shoulder on the road	(0)
11) Other	(0)

**Comments?**

# Route 9 Visual Preference Survey Results

Toms River

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## **U.S. Route 9 Corridor Study Public Meeting 2**

### **MEETING SUMMARY**

**Location:** Ocean County Library, 101 Washington St, Toms River NJ 08754

**Date:** August 23, 2016

**Time:** 2:00-4:00 PM and 5:00–8:00 PM

**Purpose:** The meeting was intended to show proposed Access Management Plans and Low Cost-High Impact Improvements to the public, and solicit their feedback.

**Attendees:** 27 persons signed in

**Meeting Format:** A brief presentation was given three times (3:00, 5:30 and 7:00 pm), and comments were taken from the public. Three stations were positioned around the room to allow attendees to interact with staff and ask questions about the topics — Access Management Plan, Low Cost-High Impact Improvements and Feedback. Participants were also given a survey and staff collected comments throughout the event.

**Summary of Feedback:** Six surveys were completed. The following are some of the more prevalent issues raised:

- Support was given for proposed Access Management Plan and low cost-high impact improvements.
- Concerns were expressed regarding the need for improvements at Route 9 and Cox Cro Road.

**Summary of comments received, either in writing, through questions and answers, or informally:**

- One survey stated concerns at Cox Cro Road over signal configuration. The respondent would prefer dedicated left turn lanes on Cox Cro Road to allow protected left turns. The respondent approved of the left turn lane from U.S. Route 9 southbound onto Church Road, but questioned the right turn lane onto Church from U.S. Route 9 northbound. The respondent was in favor of the two-way left turn lane (TWLTL).
- One survey stated approval of the Church Road improvements. The respondent expressed concern over the two-way left turn lane and thinks it will be abused by impatient drivers as an additional through lane. The respondent requested additional information on the Indian Head Road & Garden State Parkway Interchange 83 improvements that were part of another study.
- One survey commented that a traffic signal should be installed at U.S. Route 9 and Stevens Road. The respondent also had a comment regarding left turns at U.S. Route 9 & Indian Head Road, which was part of another study.
- One survey stated that Whitty Road is currently very congested, dangerous, and that left turns are difficult due to volume. The respondent also commented that improvements are definitely required.



- One survey stated that Whitty Road & Church Road improvements and two-way left turn lane appear to be good solutions. The respondent thought that the missing links would be good improvements. The respondent thanked the presenters for supplying information in the additional comments section
- One survey requested that a proposed storm water basin near Church Road be removed from the plan, as there is an advertisement for a future development on that site.

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***APPENDIX L***

***Public Outreach Summaries and Survey Results for  
Lakewood***



## **U.S. Route 9 Corridor Study Public Meeting 1**

### **MEETING SUMMARY**

**Location:** Lakewood Municipal Building, 231 Third St, Lakewood, NJ 08701

**Date:** August 25, 2015

**Time:** 5:00 PM – 8:45 PM

**Purpose:** The meeting was intended to engage the public in the Route 9 Corridor Study process, and measure their desires for the future vision of Route 9.

**Attendees:** 415 persons signed in

**Meeting Format:** A brief presentation was given twice, and comments were taken from the public. Four stations were positioned around the room to allow attendees to interact with staff and ask questions about the topics — Traffic; Land Use; Bicycle and Pedestrians; and Feedback. At the Feedback Station participants were given three dots and asked to vote on their preference. Participants were also given a survey and staff collected comments throughout the event.

**Summary of Feedback:** Participants provided general and specific comments on the study. The following are some of the more prevalent issues raised:

- The public wants Route 9 widened
- The public wants two-way left turn lanes and left turn access to remain. Left turn lanes were seen as immediate improvement.
- Emergency access is a problem for Route 9, especially given the presence of a hospital. Shoulders are needed for emergency circulation.
- Extending Vermont Avenue to Route 70 and other improvements can give some relief, and allow people to better avoid Route 9.
- Lower speed limits would be preferable for bicycles and pedestrians
- Consistent shoulder is desirable for bicycles, many of whom are children
- Central Avenue/Hurley Avenue is a large bottleneck

**Summary of comments received, either in writing, through questions and answers, or informally:**

#### *Question & Answer Session*

1. Want turn lanes, especially left-turn lanes onto Route 9, flashing operation overnight at traffic lights. No chance to get onto Route 9, always yellow or red.
2. Question – A few years back there was a plan to widen Route 9 (it stopped). Bottleneck starts by lake. How much \$ is put aside for this project? Will there be a big grand plan that we cannot afford?

Answer #1 – This study will develop 10 low cost-high impact solutions



Answer #2 – The Transportation Trust fund is projected to run out of money in June. Past that, all funding is unknown and funding has been the #1 barrier to the project.

3. Is this going to be a study or a study that produces results? If only intersections are addressed, then the whole corridor may never get widened. Wants to add shoulders from south of Prospect Street.

4. General Concern – only answer is to widen Route 9. Eminent Domain will be majority of the cost. Locals have pushed for ROW donations to see project move forward.

5. We are in emergency status situation. When emergency situations arise, traffic is stuck. Tax increase would be OK! Like Sandy – in emergency – funding will be found.

6. Need a multi-faceted answer (i.e. bus and train networks to reduce people using the corridor), not just a widening.

7. Dispatcher for OEM route response - avoid Route 9 due to traffic delays. Cannot get to victims and/or treatment facilities in enough time otherwise.

8. Hospital access – Monmouth Medical Center South. Shoulders are needed; possibly three lanes are needed in each direction. We voted for Christie and he said he would fix Route

9. We still have traffic on Route 9.

9. Small fixes are wasted money; better to work in increments. Left turns are necessary. Locals and town will do their part, now we want State to do its part.

10. Left turns should be allowed, i.e., Route 37 people still try to turn left even though they are restricted.

Question – How are the value of properties set if road is widening? How will appraisals occur?

Answer – The state has to pay market value for any eminent domain takings.

11. Lakewood is a fast growing City. There are few options for north-south travel, Route 9 is only way. A project this big should be done in stages, working from north to south. Feeder roads, like Pine Street and Prospect Street, need to be alleviated.

12. Resident who drives Route 9 everyday:

Corner of Route 9 and Central Avenue turning traffic – possible solution – remove the left turn lanes and from Central to Route 88 add a lane.

#### *Station Comments (By Topic)*

##### *Bicycle/Pedestrian:*

- The public generally likes curb extensions
- Bus access and stops are a priority and safe nearby crossings of Route 9 are needed
- The public generally likes flashing warning lights at crossings
- Lower speed limits are preferable
- The public generally likes bus pullouts for stops
- There is always major congestion by the lake
- Need a new way to get through other than Route 9
- Finish the sidewalk network
- Landscaping should not be prioritized over sidewalks
- High visibility crossings are good
- Are pedestrian overpass an option?
- Bicycle accommodation? Consistent shoulder; most bike riders are kids
- Make areas where drivers can pull off

- Zipper lane? Variable direction option?

#### Widening :

- Four lanes are good
- Route 9 needs four lanes of traffic in order to flow. Anything less won't impact the congestion
- The state has been talking about widening Route 9 for 55+ years, when will it ever happen?
- Why is it necessary for sidewalks/berm areas? All we need is a wider roadway
- Left turn lanes would be an immediate improvement
- Right of way acquisition will cause issues for local businesses
- By County Line Road – adding a center turn lane improved traffic greatly
- Question – The state had previously acquired a 10 foot of right of way years ago, why do they need to acquire more?

Answer – In order to improve the roadway, a minimum of an additional 2 feet would be necessary, but the amount of land needed will vary based on the roadway section chosen through this study. Therefore, it is important to get as much input from the public as possible.

- While generally comments were split on the best way to improve the highway (four lane divided, center left turn, shoulders/no shoulders) there did seem to be a consensus on improving the timing of lights and adding more signals to create gaps in traffic and a center left turn lane. A resident expressed concern that short term improvements only delay the major work to be done. Some did though prefer a center turn lane over a jug handle since it was deemed impractical or not contributing to business needs along the corridor. This could negatively impact property values if only a jug handle.
- A median barrier is necessary to prevent all turns and increase the safety of the roadway
- No one will cooperate for a large right of way taking through Lakewood, especially if eminent domain is used.
- Improving Rt 9 is impossible – the state should focus on a Lakewood by-pass instead
- The state needs to ban turns at various streets to reduce traffic congestion

#### Land Use:

- There were minimal comments regarding land use mostly noting how there is too much residential development with too many driveways.
- Property owner for 35 years at Route 9 and Pine Street bought parcel when previous owner sold for fear of jughandle being constructed; the jughandle has never been constructed.
- Resident says huge chunk of traffic by lake is due to the Yeshiva
- T&M has a Master Plan for Lakewood - PDF to be provided to the project representatives

#### Other comments:

- Consider traffic cops at busy intersections
- Question – Vermont Avenue south end – Extension to Route 70 – local owner is interested in intersection and road extension  
Answer – Work with Town to approach DOT to coordinate and possibly submit a “Problem Statement” that starts a multi-year process. (Note this roadway improvement is in the T&M Master Plan)
- Do not block the box!
- Public education outreach!

- One resident owns auto shop and sees many rear-end accidents from Route 9
- Multiple people raised the same concern about Finchley Blvd. not having sufficient ROW width to safely accommodate two-way traffic, resulting in a lot of side-swipe accidents. These people were also concerned that putting a light at the Chateau would further complicate maneuvers into and out of Finchley. They wanted to know if we could also look at improving the west/east movement of vehicles from that neighborhood (Princewood Dr) out to Route 9
- One property owner raised concerns about access and currently experiences long waits to turn into or out of property. Feels a traffic light is needed at Riverwood Dr. and would also alleviate access problems that commercial users on east side of highway experience. Overall concern was that more traffic lights would improve flow on highway and allow for gaps for access to businesses.
- One property owner acknowledged problems at Pine Strett and Route 9 and pointed out long delays to travel into and out of the corridor influenced his decision to move business from that property to Farmingdale. Did not offer suggestions on means to improve or preferences for one of the design schemes.
- When queried about roadway design preferences to improve access and flow at the northern portion of the study area in Lakewood, a number of individuals pointed out that one of the property owners had intentions of acquiring adjoining lots to expand the existing school. They noted that school buses from the school had a dramatic impact on the functioning of Pine Street and Route 9.
- A school bus driver offered the following comments:
  - 1) Pine Street is a major circulation route for busses. It was noted that the intersection with Route 9 configuration represents limitations to bus turning movements. Pine Street was cited as a major area of congestion.
  - 2) Prospect is a major accident location.
  - 3) James Street is a major bottleneck area
  - 4) School buses use Oak Street often and Oak and Overland is a major intersection used by school buses.
  - 5) Locals tend to ignore all traffic laws, which creates a hazardous driving situation for all roadway users
  - 6) Avoids Route 9 at all costs on his route, and other side streets aren't much better.
- A park and ride needs to be considered at the Lakewood Airport to minimize commuting in the area
- Emergency vehicle access in the congested corridor is a significant issue that needs to be addressed. Many have experienced delays and have considered driving an injured person to the hospital (sometimes on a sidewalk) as being faster than calling an ambulance and waiting for the ambulance to go to the hospital.
- Comments were made that eastbound traffic on James Street is avoiding the left turns to go north on Route 9 in the morning rush. Instead, some are bypassing Route 9 to go north on Martin Luther King Drive to John Street then turning north on Route 9. This causes further delays on those trying to do the left turn movement from James Street.
- The Hurley and Central intersection were noted by many as being the problem or choke point for traffic. It was also noted that the alignment of the northbound lanes at Hurley are disjointed causing a question of which lane to be in to continue north as one approached this intersection. The gas station at this intersection creates additional problems at this intersection (no condition specifically mentioned). It was noted that the left turn lanes northbound or southbound Route



9 or on Central were not productive at this intersection and should be removed or reconsidered with a green left turn arrow.

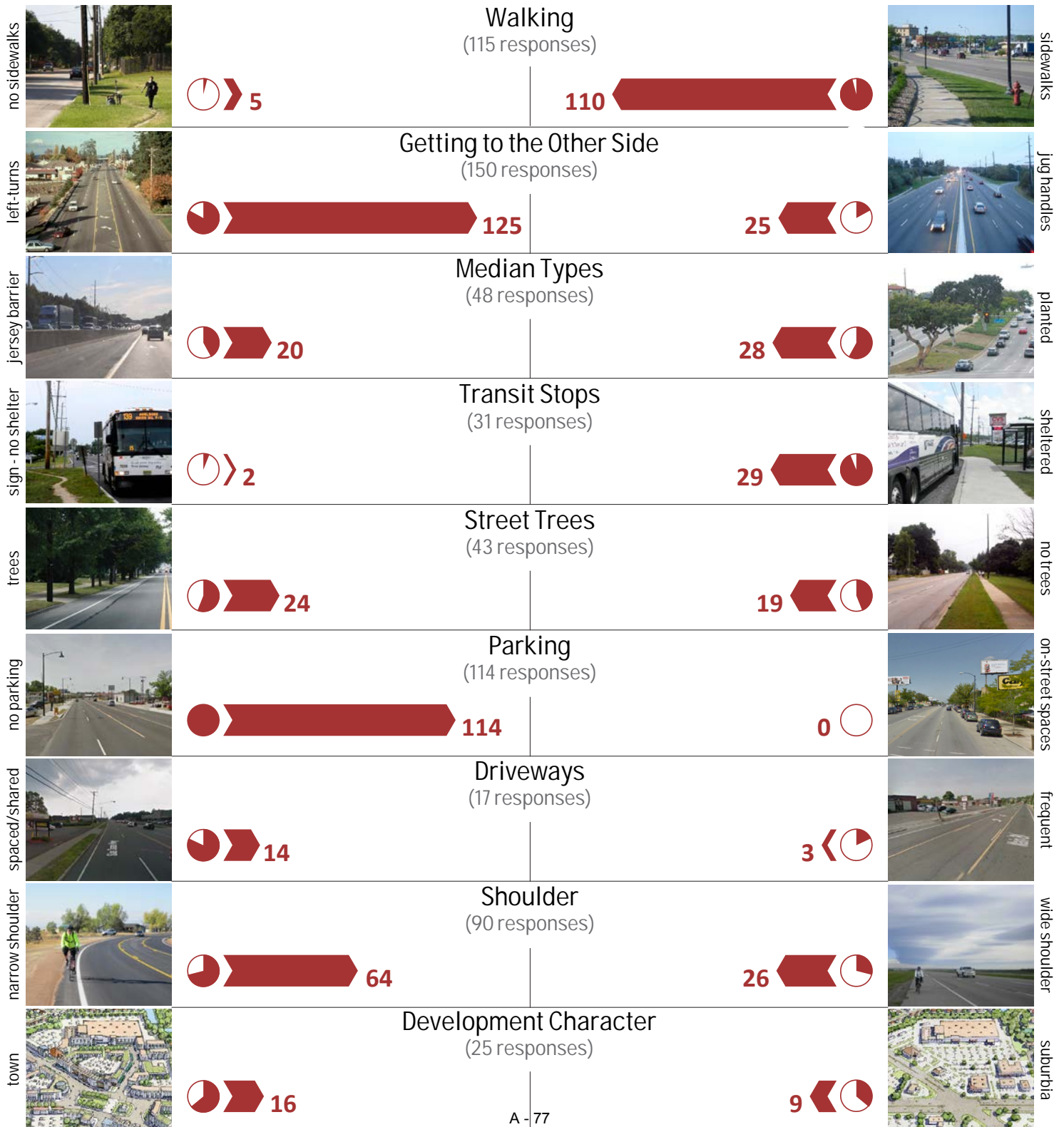
- Finchley Blvd. should be connected through to Massachusetts if possible as a way to bypass congestion.

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# Route 9 Visual Preference Survey Results

Lakewood

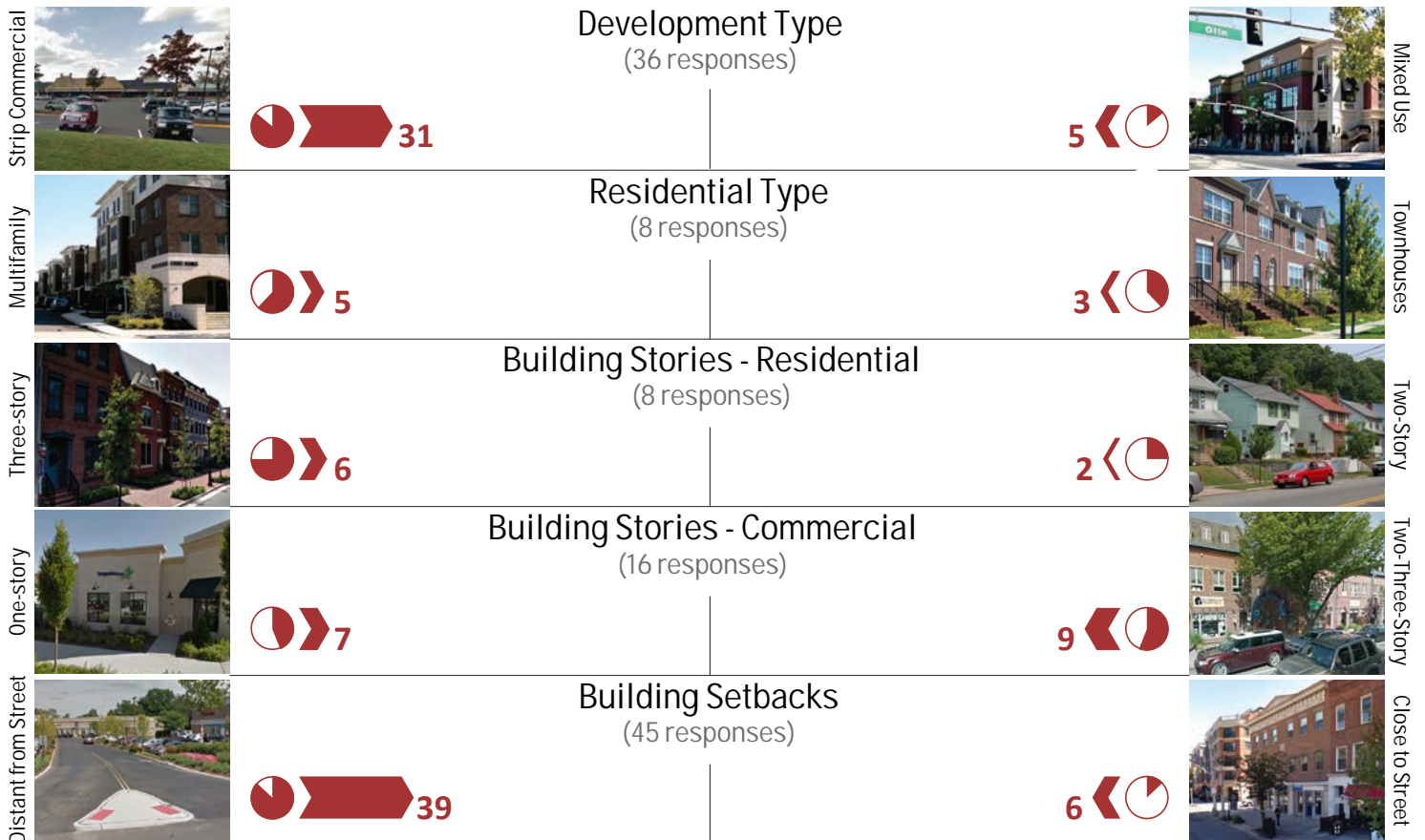
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## **U.S. Route 9 Corridor Study Public Meeting 1, Spanish Language Focus Group**

### **MEETING SUMMARY**

**Location:** Lakewood Municipal Building, 231 Third St, Lakewood, NJ 08701

**Date:** December 10, 2015

**Time:** 5:45 PM – 8:30 PM

**Purpose:** The meeting was intended to engage the public in the Route 9 Corridor Study process, and measure their desires for the future vision of Route 9. It was provided in Spanish language, due to the size of the Spanish community.

**Attendees:** 12 people signed in

**Meeting Format:** A brief presentation was given, and comments were taken from the public. Four stations were positioned around the room to allow attendees to interact with staff and ask questions about the topics — Traffic; Land Use; Bicycle and Pedestrians; and Feedback. At the Feedback Station participants were given three dots and asked to vote on their preference. Participants were also given a survey and staff collected comments throughout the event.

**Summary of Feedback:** Participants provided general and specific comments on the study. The following are some of the more prevalent issues raised:

- The public wants U.S. Route 9 widened
- The public would like to see bicycle lanes on U.S. Route 9
- The public does not want median barriers on U.S. Route 9
- This group is highly dependent on transit and walking, and therefore wants sidewalks and bus shelters

**Summary of comments received, either in writing, through questions and answers, or informally:**

*Written comments:*

- Better enforcement for cell phone use while driving or other distracted driving, speeding, stopping at stop signs, and not obstruct bicycle lanes.
- Improved crosswalks are desirable

*Group comments at stations:*

- The public are in favor of a widening of Route 9
- The public were in favor of a two-way left-turn lane rather than a median barrier that obstructs the ability to cross the road
- Left turn lanes and left turn arrows at traffic signals are preferred



- There is a desire to not have to use cars for economic reasons. However, transit is relatively inaccessible to many (particularly in winter), and taxis are cost prohibitive.
- Better compliance with traffic regulations would be helpful

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# Spanish-speaking Community Meeting

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## **U.S. Route 9 Corridor Study Women's Focus Group Meeting**

### **MEETING SUMMARY**

**Location:** Lakewood Municipal Building, 231 Third St, Lakewood, NJ 08701, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

**Date:** December 17, 2015

**Time:** 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

**Purpose:** The meeting was intended to engage women of the Orthodox community specifically in the Route 9 Corridor Study process, and measure their desires for the future vision of Route 9. This focus group was held to better accommodate cultural preferences of Orthodox women, who were sparse and reluctant to participate during the crowded general public meeting.

**Attendees:** 10 people attended

**Meeting Format:** The presentation used at Public Meeting 1 was significantly modified to provide more of a facilitator/discussion guide for the group. Some technical information was presented with discussion questions interjected by the group facilitator.

**Summary of Feedback:** Some comments received were as follows:

1. U.S. Route 9 Driving Experience
  - a. One participant drives on Route 9 three times a day, starting between 8:30 AM and 9 AM. She often has to wait at least five minutes to make a left turn to get on to Route 9.
  - b. There is concern about the emergency vehicles that travel along Route 9 due to the hospital. Consistently heavy traffic often causes delays for the ambulance along the route. Because of the heavily congested traffic, it is very difficult for vehicles to move aside for the ambulances when the sirens are on. This causes the ambulance difficulty getting to the hospital during an emergency.
  - c. One participant takes multiple trips per day along Route 9. She cannot combine trips due to schedules and/or avoiding heavy traffic at certain times. However, she has to go home daily at a specific time every day when traffic is particularly bad. She usually goes back out to Route 9 later in the evening to finish errands. She says it is stressful to try to maintain a daily schedule when traffic causes consistent delays.
  - d. Many participants agreed that it is difficult to make a left turn near Oak Street and they usually have to wait a very long time.
  - e. Another participant mentioned that the light at Prospect Street near Spruce Street can cause cars to wait for 5 minutes or more.
  - f. Construction for over a year and a half has caused congestion near James Street. The group agreed that approximately 3:30 pm is when traffic along this area is the most congested (after school hour).

- g. One participant explained that she makes a lot of right turns to avoid making left turns along Route 9. She told the group that making a left turn is very difficult and often drivers can get stuck trying to turn. This causes other cars to honk and causes stressful driving conditions. This participant noted that she has now changed all of her routes in order to avoid left turns, even when she has to drive further distance. Often driving further distance can yield shorter total time in the car without having to make left turns.
  - h. Route 9 is the only road that connects to all other roads around the area. Therefore the congestion is not only caused by Lakewood residents, but it is also caused by thru traffic. GPS directs everyone traveling in the area to go to Route 9. This contributes to the traffic problems.
  - i. There is no good way to get to north Lakewood.
  - j. There are still traffic problems even during off-peak hours. Even drivers that leave early in the morning still encounter significant traffic problems and delays.
  - k. There are too many cars in the one corridor and no alternative routes. Left turn lanes might help mitigate the problems.
  - l. One woman generally avoids Route 9 when travelling and instead tries to take 209.
2. Discussing the issues and solutions
- a. Sidewalks and Pedestrian Issues
    - i. There are parts of Route 9 with no sidewalks. One participant noted that she had to walk on Route 9 on a Saturday with her daughter and that they had to walk on the road inches from cars.
    - ii. One participant noted that she is petrified to cross route 9 – she suggested crossing bridges would help so people don't have to go in between the cars. Participants noted they won't let their kids cross Route 9.
    - iii. Cars won't stop for them to cross and continue to speed by.
    - iv. A participant pointed out that Route 9 is a problem in other towns as well, not just in Lakewood.
    - v. A participant pointed to the pedestrian bridges in NYC as an example and asked why Lakewood cannot have similar pedestrian bridges.
    - vi. Participants agreed that they wouldn't walk more if there were more sidewalks. However, a participant said that on Saturdays she walks a few minutes on Route 9. She suggested that since many residents have to walk anyway the township should put in sidewalks. Another participant noted that there are sidewalks on one side of Route 9 but no light to get across. But another participant noted that most residents drive more than walk, so sidewalks would be a waste of money.
    - vii. One participant commented that an extra travel lane would make the commute and the drive easier but it doesn't make Route 9 safer for bicyclist and pedestrians. She said that between convenience and safety, she would choose safety. A handful of participants agreed with her.
    - viii. A different participant noted that if she had a choice, she would rather have an extra lane instead of a sidewalk because walking along Route 9 is not a major desire for the community. From where they live it is not convenient to walk to



destinations on Route 9. Other participants agreed with this. There was no general consensus over whether a lane or a sidewalk is preferable.

- ix. A participant noted that Lakewood is so big that even if there are sidewalks no one will walk.
- x. There was agreement that it is dangerous to cross mid-block ("jaywalk") but they often see people cross this way. They agreed it was safer for pedestrians to cross at signals, but that there are not enough signals and places to cross. Several were not familiar with some of the new smart signal technology (push button actuation) or lighted crosswalks.

b. Traveling Speed

- i. In regards to the average travel speed of the Route 9 corridor, one participant noted that the numbers on the chart being displayed (in the presentation) is the average of the corridor and the study team should be aware that the smaller section near the lake is much slower than these averages.

c. Land Use and Context Images

- i. A participant noted that they don't really see how land use and form could fix the traffic solution long term. She noted that Lakewood is growing and that bad traffic will continue to be a problem. She also argued that Route 9 needs the extra lane.
- ii. Participants noted that the community is growing due to high birth rate and will also need more places to live in the future. This will lead to even more cars to be on the road over time. Most families are large and have at least 2 vehicles.
- iii. Several seemed to have a vision of the corridor in the future that resembled where they grew up, similar to more urban areas with multi-lane high speed roadways for quick travel, grade separated highways and pedestrian bridges.
- iv. They don't really want to see more residential housing along Route 9.
- v. There was a shared feeling that citizenry have a small voice in the development process. In reference to zoning changes: it is very hard for the average citizen to influence the planning or zoning board.
- vi. Participants did not understand why there would ever be parking (parallel) along Route 9. (this was in reference to a land use graphic)
- vii. A participant noted that there are developments on Route 9 for which the only way to leave the home is to go on Route 9.

d. Turn Lanes

- i. Many noted that the turning lanes really do help.
- ii. Participants stated that the real problem is the large number of cars and not enough travel lanes for them to move along the corridor. Some in the group felt that restricted turns would make businesses less accessible. They reiterated that they need two lanes in each direction in order to open up the traffic along the road and allow better flow of traffic.
- iii. In reference to jug handles, a participant noted that if jug handles are added to Route 9 traffic will just get stuck in the jug handle if they don't also add a second travel lane in.

- iv. A different participant noted that Route 9 doesn't need jug handles and that they are more expensive than left turn lanes. Left turn lanes make it turning and traveling easier. Lakewood should copy Madison Avenue.
  - e. Transit
    - i. None of the participants take transit.
  - f. Traffic
    - i. A participant noted that she uses Jackson Ave which is an additional distance to her trip. However, this road is more reliable than Route 9 and she knows what time she will get to her destination.
    - ii. Right now kids sit on the school bus for an hour because of poor traffic flow. A participant noted that she and others drive kids to school because it is quicker than letting them take the bus. School busses are not reliable or take too long due to traffic issues.
    - iii. A participant spoke about the problems caused by trucks on Route 9 and asked if there a way to limit truck travel (including limiting size) along this corridor. At some intersections, such as Pine, trucks cannot maneuver turns without encroaching on other lanes creating dangerous situations.
    - iv. A participant noted that there are so many stop lights already and additional stop lights won't help with the flow of traffic.
  - g. Roadway Configurations
    - i. Participants noted that they like the divided highway configuration the best. One participant stated that if traffic moves, it will work well.
    - ii. In reference to bikes: they agreed that they do see more people are riding bikes and more probably would like it to be safer, especially for teenage boys. It was noted that bicyclists needed to learn how to be safe. Lois from NJTPA pointed out that NJTPA is doing a bike and pedestrian safety campaign in Lakewood and that participants can check out [beststreetsmartnj.org](http://beststreetsmartnj.org)
- 3. What's next?
  - a. Participants wanted to know what's next and when changes will actually be implemented. Lois from NJTPA explained that the project is intended to prioritize quicker/low-cost implements while establishing a long term vision for the corridor. Lois also talked about the barriers to the crossing bridges. A participant followed up saying that in NYC along the Hudson parkway they only have these bridges every few blocks but at least it's available.
  - b. A participant asked Lois when they can expect to widen the roads. Lois Goldman from NJTPA noted that road widening is not on the agenda because the issues is incredibly complex and expensive. Denise daCunha from The RBA Group described the environmental constraints of road widening.
  - c. Participants asked how improvements would be paid for and whether or not it would increase property taxes. The consultant team explained that road improvements came from the transportation fund revenues, including the gas tax.

- d. The group generally thought that Route 9 repaving may not be needed since it is not as bad as some other roads.
4. Meeting Format Feedback
- a. One participant noted that she had never before been invited to a meeting to discuss something in their town and she appreciated that her voice would be heard.
  - b. A participant noted that the women were stuck at home during the evening workshop and they are more likely to send husbands to speak on the family's behalf. They said having a lunch meeting works better for them. Evening events between 4 pm and 8 pm are impossible because it is "crunch time."

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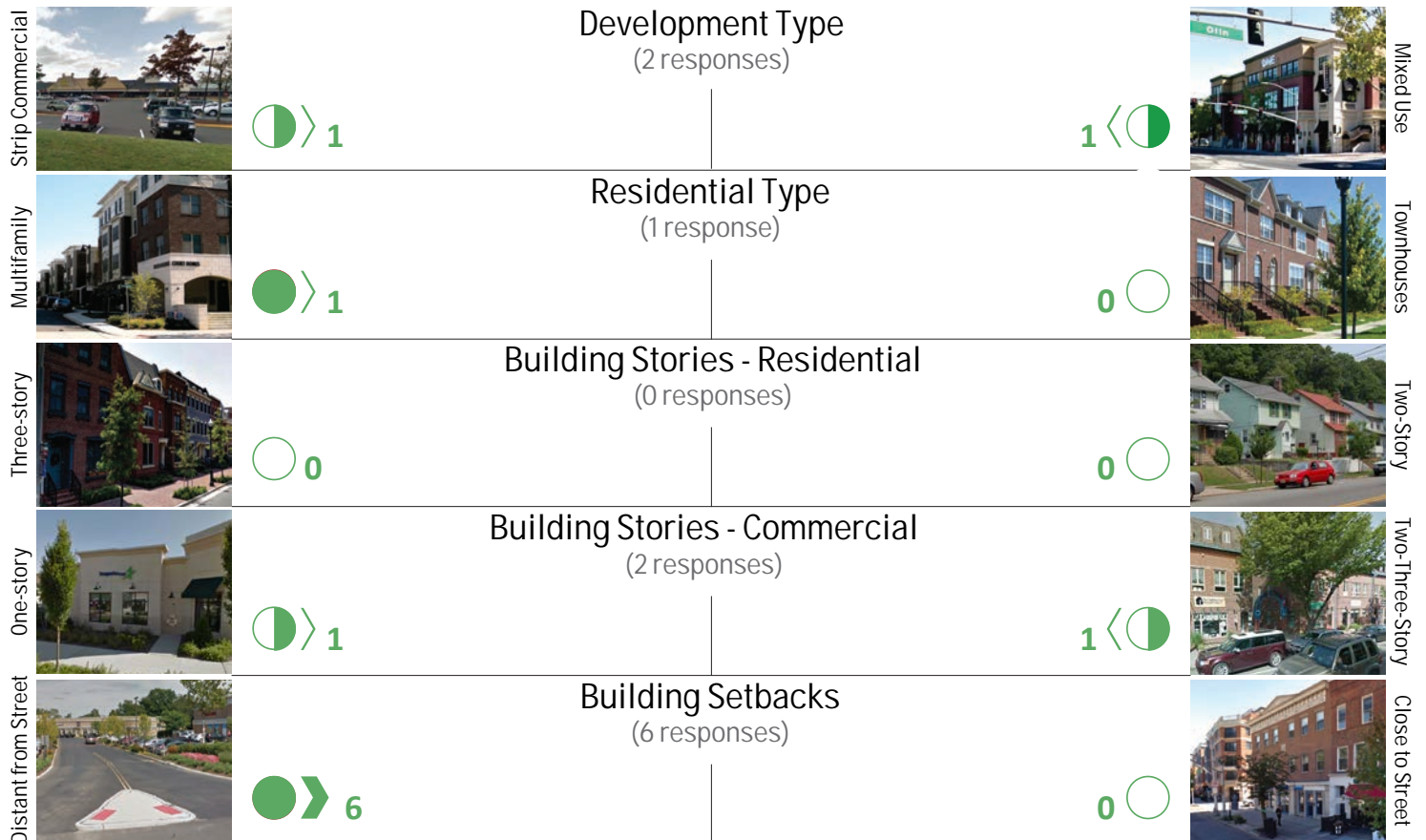
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## **U.S. Route 9 Corridor Study Public Meeting 2**

### **MEETING SUMMARY**

**Location:** Lakewood Municipal Building, 231 Third St, Lakewood, NJ 08701

**Date:** September 28, 2016

**Time:** 1:00-2:30 PM and 4:30–8:30 PM

**Purpose:** The meeting was intended to show proposed Access Management Plans and Low Cost-High Impact Improvements to the public, and solicit their feedback.

**Attendees:** 287 persons signed in

**Meeting Format:** A brief presentation was given three times (1:30, 5:00 and 7:15 pm), and comments were taken from the public. Three stations were positioned around the room to allow attendees to interact with staff and ask questions about the topics — Access Management Plan, Low Cost-High Impact Improvements and Feedback. Participants were also given a survey and staff collected comments throughout the event.

**Summary of Feedback:** 229 surveys were completed. The following were the some of the more prevalent comments:

- Support was given for proposed Access Management Plan and low cost-high impact improvements.
- Concerns were expressed regarding the proposed improvement at U.S. Route 9 and Central Avenue/Hurley Avenue.

### **Summary of comments received, either in writing, through questions and answers, or informally:**

- A majority of surveys did not make any specific comments on the Low Cost-High Impact (LC/HI) improvements.
  - The most commented LC/HI improvement was on the Central Avenue/Hurley Avenue/ Main Street improvement plan
  - 38 surveys stated a disapproval of the one-way traffic pattern on Hurley Avenue; 1 survey stated approval of the one-way scheme
- A majority of surveys that commented on the two-way left-turn lane (TWLTL) were in favor of adding it to the Route 9 Corridor
  - Some stated that this should be a stopgap until a divided highway is built
- There were almost no direct comments in regards to the Access Management Plan (AMP), but had a wide range of responses
  - Comments ranged from, “Stop the band-aids two lanes each way on Rt 9 is the only solution” to “Not good enough for the current traffic” to “Stressing these changes to the planning, zoning, & master plan boards is imperative – ultimately the town council must get behind the necessary changes to zoning ordinances.”

- A majority of surveys that commented on the missing links plan were in favor of building all the missing links shown
- The vast majority of surveys simply stated some variation of “widen Route 9,” usually in all available fields
  - Some surveys stated that sidewalks should be removed for additional travel lanes
  - Some recommending spot widening at critical points not a part of the low cost-high impact improvements (e.g. Prospect Street) as opposed to a corridor-wide widening
- Other comments
  - There were many requests for improvements on roadways and intersections outside of the project area:
    - Build or complete “missing links” in local street grid
      - Williams St (parallel to Route 9)
      - Arlington St (eliminate dead end & connect to Pine Street)
      - Develop paper streets (general)
      - Build bridges over / across Lake Carasajlo to Forest Avenue
      - Extend Hurley Avenue to Main Street (Route 88)
      - Extend MLK Drive to Main Street (Route 88)
    - Intersection improvements / traffic signals:
      - Cross Street / Prospect Street
      - Sunset Road / James Street
      - New Central Avenue / Hope Chapel Road
      - Cedar Bridge Avenue / Clover Street
      - James Street / Williams Street
      - Pine Street / Warren Street
      - Madison Avenue (Route 9) / Third Street
    - Widen other roadways to four lanes
      - Oak Street
      - Broadway
    - Create a two-way left-turn lane on Cross Street
    - Add additional turn lanes on Main Street (Route 88) to facilitate traffic flow
  - There were other requests for improvements or alternatives along the Route 9 corridor within the study area:
    - Widen Route 9 to provide additional turning lanes at Prospect St
    - Restripe & restrict certain vehicular movements to lengthen storage for the Route 9 southbound to Route 88 eastbound left turn movement
    - Increase time for protected left turns at all intersections
    - Install right turn only lanes and protected right turn signals to allow for unimpeded right turn movements (likely as a counter-flow movement to protected left turns)
    - Ban large trucks from Route 9 (note – likely as through movements, deliveries on and along the corridor would still need to use Route 9. Participants didn't specify)
    - Limit or stop all development until Route 9 has been widened
    - If a signal is installed at Broadway & Chateau Drive, convert Cushman Street to right-in-right-out (RIRO) to force left turn movements through a signalized intersection

- Some surveys identified specific locations and problems that need to be addressed
  - One property owner commented on the Pine Street/James Street/River Road (Route 9) intersection, and stated that large trucks are inhibited by the existing intersection geometry and cause delays. It is his opinion that the building in the northwest corner of the intersection is constricting both the sight lines and the mobility of the turning traffic. He recommends demolishing the building & widening the intersection to alleviate traffic & provide an alternate route to Central Avenue
  - Several surveys (and meeting attendees) stated their concern of the River Road (Route 9)/Prospect Street/Sherwood Drive intersection. Their observations and survey comments state that traffic backs up due to left turning vehicles onto Sherwood Drive. In addition, in their opinion, a right turn lane should be added to Route 9 south to provide an unimpeded movement for westbound traffic. According to their statements, traffic going southbound opens up after this bottleneck and this is the source of the southbound traffic problems. The issues at this intersection were not addressed in a low cost-high impact improvement, and the intersection geometry precludes the addition of lanes within the existing right of way.

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