FUNDING RECOMMENDATION: $600,000

LOCATION: City of Paterson and Boroughs of Prospect Park and Hawthorne

ABOUT THE BRIDGE: The Sixth Avenue Bridge crosses the Passaic River from the Bunker Hill section of Paterson to Prospect Park, passing also through a portion of Hawthorne. The two-lane, 300-foot-long bridge connects with County Route 504/East Main Street in Prospect Park and serves as a key access point for trucks headed to Bunker Hill’s industrial businesses.

Of the approximately 9,600 vehicles per day served by the bridge, 8 percent are trucks.

The bridge was originally constructed circa 1900 as a steel structure supported on stone masonry piers and abutments. In 1987, the crossing was rebuilt with temporary components that have since deteriorated, leading to the bridge’s classification as “fracture critical.” The bridge is also classified as functionally obsolete due to substandard width and inspections have detected soil erosion around its piers and abutments. A 15 mph speed limit is posted for bridge traffic.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project will investigate options for replacing or rehabilitating the bridge.