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VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING FOR THE MERCHANTVILLE PEDESTRIAN STREET PROJECT SCHEDULED

Public Invited to an Online Meeting to Discuss the Merchantville Pedestrian Street Project

MERCHANTVILLE, NJ – A public meeting to discuss the plans for the Merchantville Pedestrian Street Project in the Downtown Redevelopment Area has been set for Tuesday, May 25, 2021 from 6:30pm to 8:00 pm, and all Merchantville residents and businesses are invited to participate.

The consulting engineers from CME Associates of Parlin New Jersey and representatives of the Borough of Merchantville will conduct this online public meeting to inform the public about the project and to solicit input. To date, CME Associates has performed data collection, environmental and cultural resource screenings and developed preliminary plans, which will be presented at the meeting to the public. During this online public meeting, there will be a presentation to review the proposed improvements. The public is invited and encouraged to participate via phone, tablet or computer in this upcoming public meeting to provide valued feedback regarding the future improvements. Participants will have an opportunity to review the proposed project, ask questions and discuss your thoughts with multiple representatives from the Team.

The project consists of the construction of new pedestrian street with streetscaping in the Borough's Redevelopment Site and along a portion of East Park Avenue fronting the site. This project is intended to support the Borough's future redevelopment and reuse of the site. The Redevelopment Site is a triangular tract consisting of numerous lots bounded by East Park Avenue and Centre Street, and an existing linear multipurpose trail.

Under the proposed grant scope, the Borough will construct a new pedestrian street, connecting East Park Avenue with the existing linear multi-purpose trail, and streetscaping along East Park Avenue fronting the site. There will also be a linkage from Centre Street to the pedestrian street in the form of a T-shape. The streetscaping and pedestrian street areas will include a "place making" center piece feature, pedestrian scale lighting, street furnishing, trash receptacles, textured walkways, street trees, benches, planters, landscaping, and bicycle racks.

The Borough of Merchantville is a recipient of a Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Transportation Alternatives Program construction grant administered by the New Jersey Department of Transportation Project (NJDOT). Design of this project is sponsored by NJDOT's TA Set-aside Design Assistance Program.

The Borough is extending an invitation to the general public regarding a Public Information Meeting. Please join us for a Public Information Meeting on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, where the Borough and their professionals will be available to answer questions and obtain feedback. Following the meeting, the presentation will be available on the Borough of Merchantville's website. Send questions regarding this project to Michael Troncone at mtroncone@cmeuse1.com.

To join the meeting, please visit <http://bit.ly/merchantville525> or you can also dial in using any phone by calling [\(571\) 317-3122](tel:5713173122). The access code is 277-625-525.

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