

**High Bridge Borough Downtown Connection - Phase I & II
(SRTS Grant Program) and
High Bridge Borough Streetscaping and Sidewalk Replacement Project
(TAP Program)**

High Bridge Borough, Hunterdon County

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Introductions

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This video provides information about the three projects currently in design.

Participate in the project by completing the questionnaires form on the Borough website.

Public Input period closes December 1, 2024.

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NJDOT SRTS Grants

NJ Safe Routes to School Mission:

Enable and encourage students to safely walk and bicycle to school

Federal grant allows for federal funding reimbursement for Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Improvements, within 2 miles of a K-8 school, where there is a considerable percentage of students who walk/bike to school.

The funds are administered by NJDOT Division of Local Aid and Economic Development.



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Nearby Schools

High Bridge Elementary School

Main Street and Fairview Avenue are the main route to access the elementary school.

High Bridge Middle School

Main Street and Church Street are the main route to access the middle school.

The main route to downtown is via Hart Street, Central Avenue and Bridge Street for residents southwest of the school and in the Jenny Jump neighborhood.



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NJDOT TAP Grants

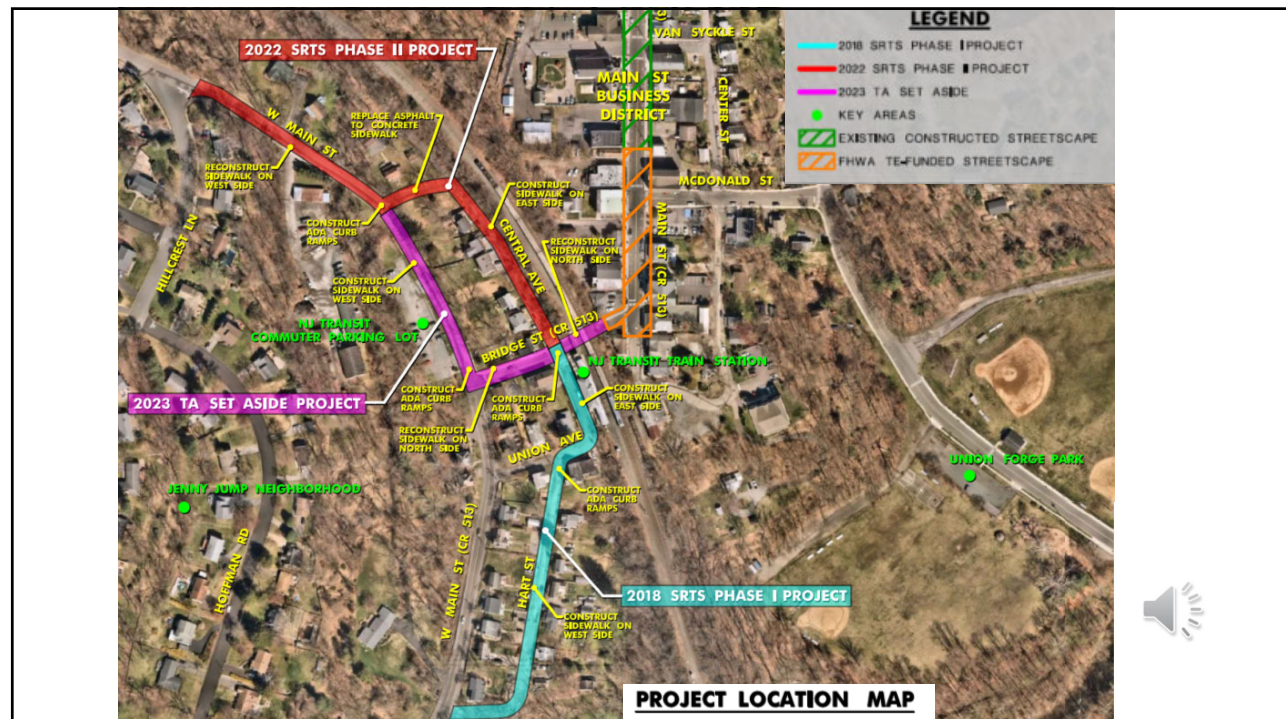
NJ Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program Mission: Enable and encourage residents to safely walk and bicycle to access daily needs and downtown areas

Federal grant allows for federal funding reimbursement for community based "non-traditional" surface transportation projects designed to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of the nation's intermodal system. The funds are administered by NJDOT Division of Local Aid and Economic Development.

Goal is to create safe routes for non-drivers, including children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities to access daily needs. This includes planning, design, and construction of Sidewalks, Crosswalks, Lighting, Benches, Bicycle Facilities and Landscaping.



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Project Overview - 2018 SRTS *Downtown Connection - Phase I*

High Bridge has received a grant through the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program to construct pedestrian safety improvements along Hart Street, Union Avenue, and Central Avenue.

The goal of the proposed project is to create a safe pedestrian corridor to the Borough's Elementary and Middle Schools.

The project is now in Final Design, to be submitted December 2024. Final bid documents anticipated in March 2025, after Permits are received; pending NJDOT approvals.



Project Overview - 2018 SRTS *Downtown Connection - Phase I*

Multiple alternatives were reviewed during the Preliminary Design Phase, as presented at the last Public Information Center in March 2022.

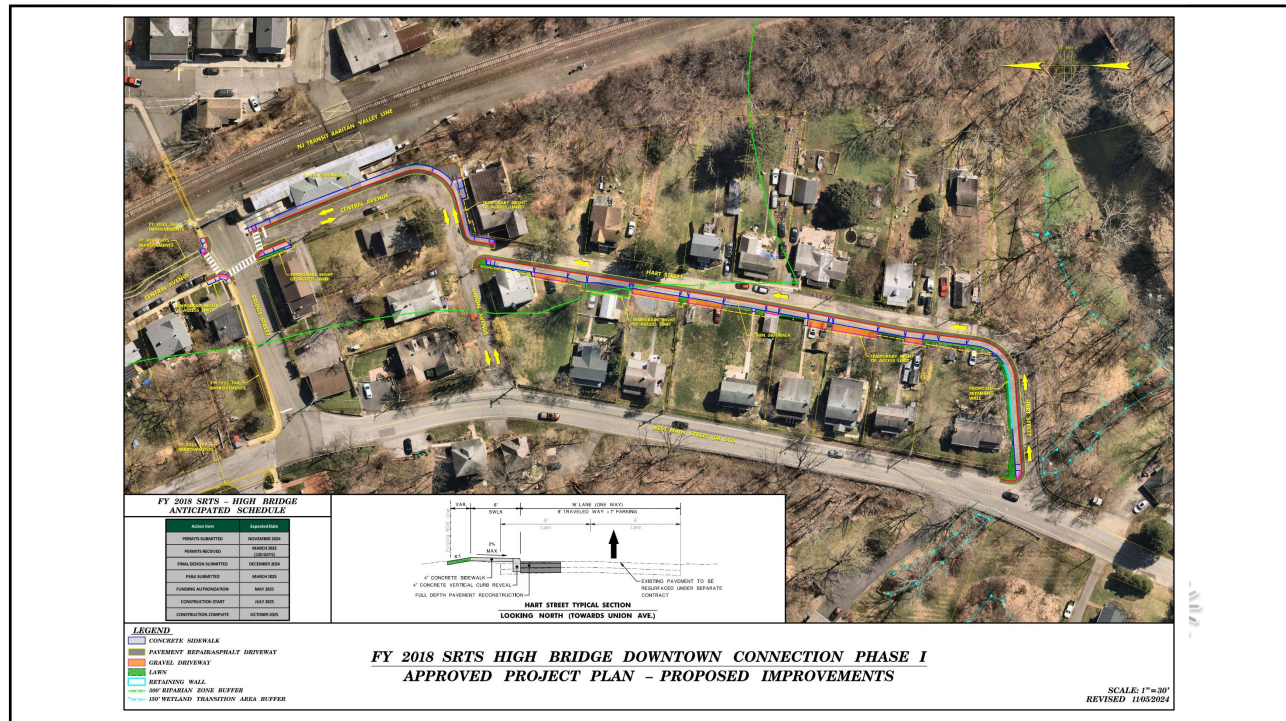
Final Design will include:

- » Hart Street would be converted to a one-way road in the NB direction, with a 6' sidewalk along the west side.
- » ADA Curb ramps will be installed at the corner of Hart Street and Union Avenue.
- » Sidewalk will continue along the east side of Central Avenue between Union Avenue and Bridge Street.
- » ADA Curb ramps and cross walks will be installed at the corner of Central Avenue and Bridge Street.

Minor associated work:

- » Stormwater inlets & Drainage Pipes
- » New curbing at ADA curb ramps
- » Topsoiling
- » Retaining wall along hart street near the intersection with West Main Street.
- » Minor driveway modifications within public R.O.W.





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Project Overview - 2018 SRTS *Downtown Connection - Phase 2*

High Bridge has received a grant through the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program to construct pedestrian safety improvements along Central Avenue (north of Bridge Street), and a portion of West Main Street.

The goal of the proposed project is to create a safe pedestrian corridor to the Borough's Elementary and Middle Schools.

The project is now in Preliminary Design, to be completed Jan 2025 pending NJDOT approvals, with Final Design to occur in 2025.



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Project Overview - 2018 SRTS *Downtown Connection - Phase 2*

Alternatives are being reviewed during the Preliminary Design Phase.

Proposed Design Features Include:

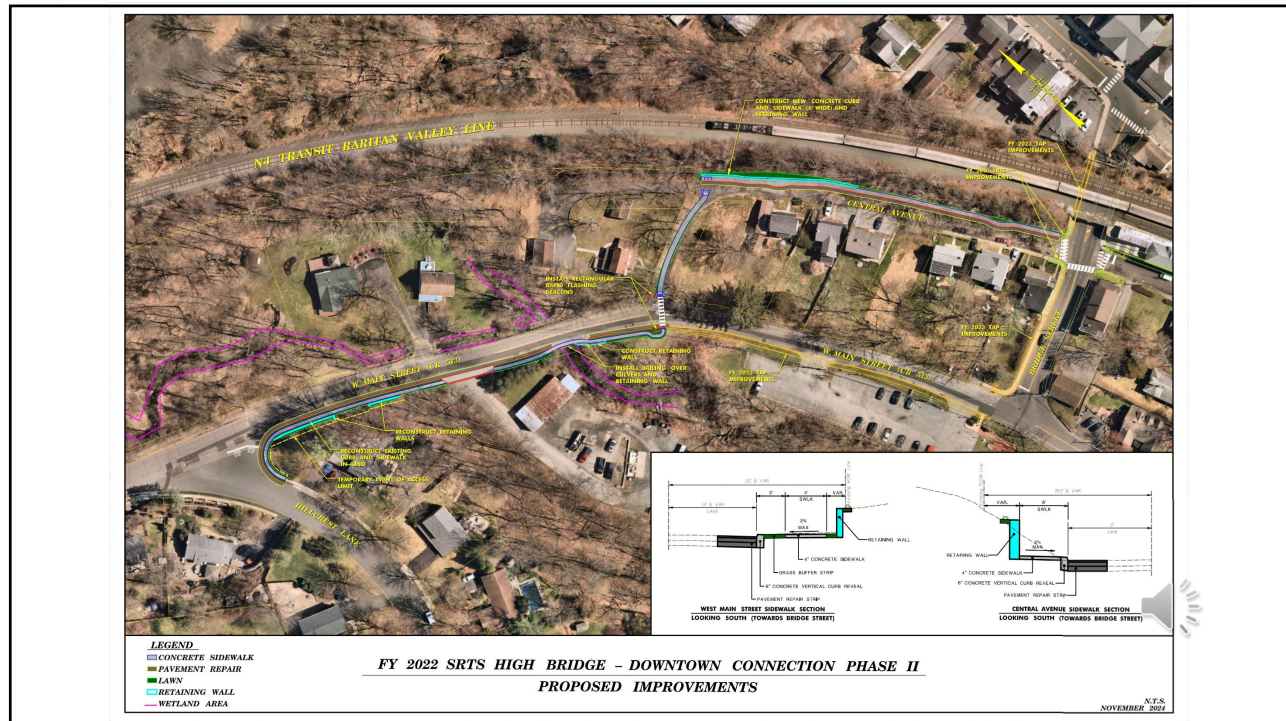
- » 5'-6' wide new sidewalk proposed along the east side of Central Avenue (north of Bridge St).
- » Existing trail between Central Avenue and West Main Street to be reconstructed with concrete sidewalk.
- » ADA Curb ramps, Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) and high visibility cross walk will be installed at W. Main Street and the trail entrance.
- » Sidewalk will be replaced along the west side of W. Main Street between the trail and Hillcrest Lane.

Minor associated work:

- » Stormwater inlets
- » Retaining Walls
- » Topsoiling
- » Railing over Culvert



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Project Overview - 2023 TAP

Streetscaping and Sidewalk Replacement Project

High Bridge has received a grant through the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TAP) to construct pedestrian safety improvements along West Main Street and Bridge Street.

The goal of the proposed project is to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety and meet ADA compliance as well as improving pedestrian connectivity.

The project should enter into the Preliminary Design Phase in early 2025, with Final Design to occur in 2026; pending NJDOT approvals.



Project Overview - 2023 TAP

Streetscaping and Sidewalk Replacement Project

Alternatives will be reviewed during the Preliminary Design Phase.

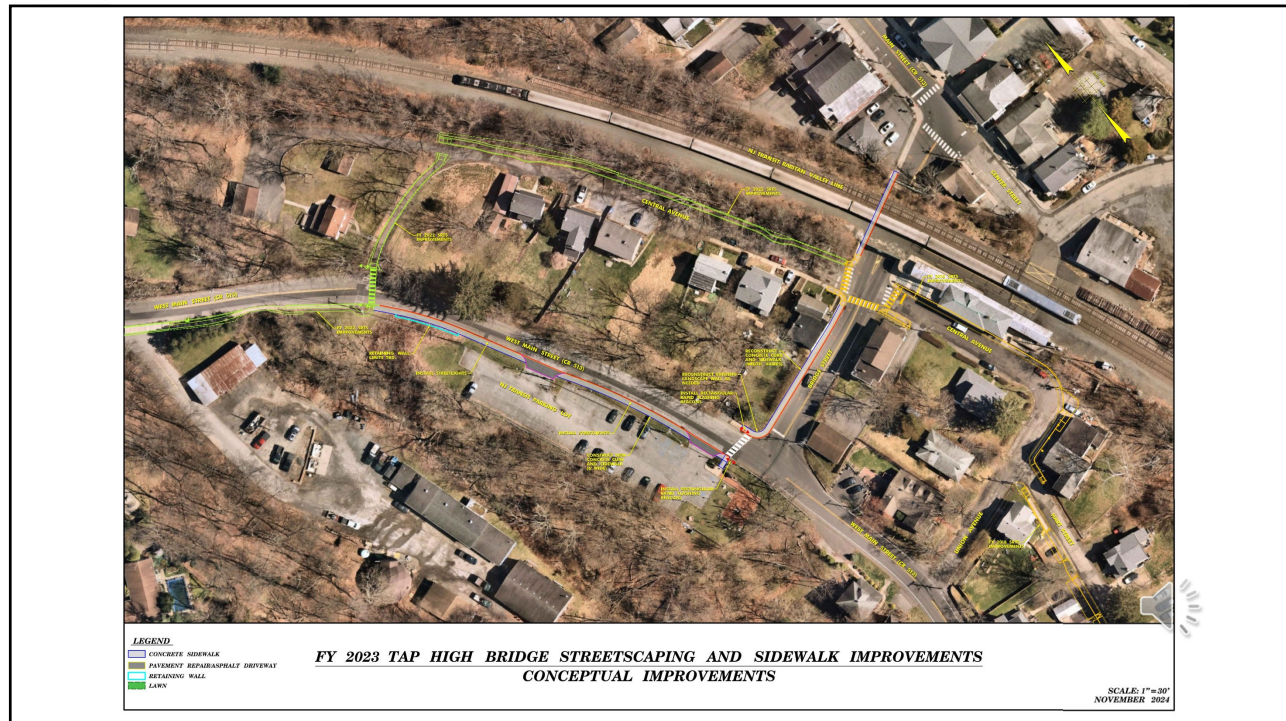
Anticipated Design Features Include:

- » Sidewalk is proposed along the west side of W. Main Street, beginning at the south terminus of the 2022 SRTS project (near the Trail Crosswalk) and continuing to Bridge Street.
- » ADA Curb ramps and cross walks will be installed at the corner of W. Main Street and Bridge Street.
- » Sidewalk will be replaced along Bridge Street and tie into the ADA curb ramps installed under the 2018 SRTS project.
- » Sidewalk will be replaced under the NJ Transit bridge.

Minor associated work:

- » Stormwater inlets & Drainage Pipes
- » New curbing at ADA curb ramps
- » Topsoiling
- » Lighting along West Main Street near the NJ Transit Parking Lot.





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Looking EB along Bridge Street

Looking NB towards the Trail
Crossing with West Main StreetLooking SB along
West Main Street in front
of NJ Transit Parking Lot

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Construction Process - Staging

Work to be performed:

- » During daytime hours
- » One block at a time
- » Does not require detours. Road will remain open (flaggers)
- » Maintains access to driveways
 - » During sidewalk/asphalt curing time within the limits of a driveway, coordination with homeowners may be required, and if necessary, steel plates may be temporarily used to maintain driveway access
- » Contractor will not leave any open excavation



Cost

- » Construction Cost is reimbursed through the Federal Safe Routes to School Program
- » Administered by NJDOT Local Aid

Project	Approx. Construction Cost
2018 SRTS – Downtown Connection Phase I	\$450,000
2022 SRTS – Downtown Connection Phase II	\$600,000
2023 TAP – Streetscaping and Sidewalk Replacement	\$350,000



Next Steps - Anticipated Schedule

	2024		2025				2026				2027			
Quarter	3rd	4th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
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Const – 2018 SRTS				■										
PE – 2022 SRTS	■													
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Questions/Comments

A link to the recorded version of this presentation will remain on the Borough website (at this location) for an additional fourteen (14) days.

Any further questions can be emailed to the High Bridge Borough Administrator:
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