

Route 3 and 495 Interchange Virtual Public Information Center

Township of North Bergen and Town of Secaucus
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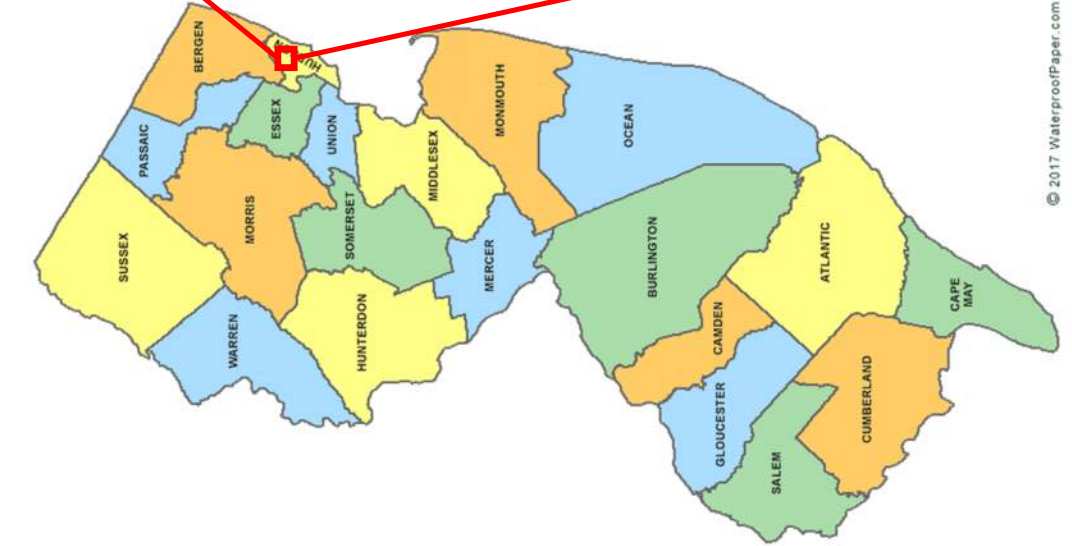


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Project Location Map



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Project Purpose & Need

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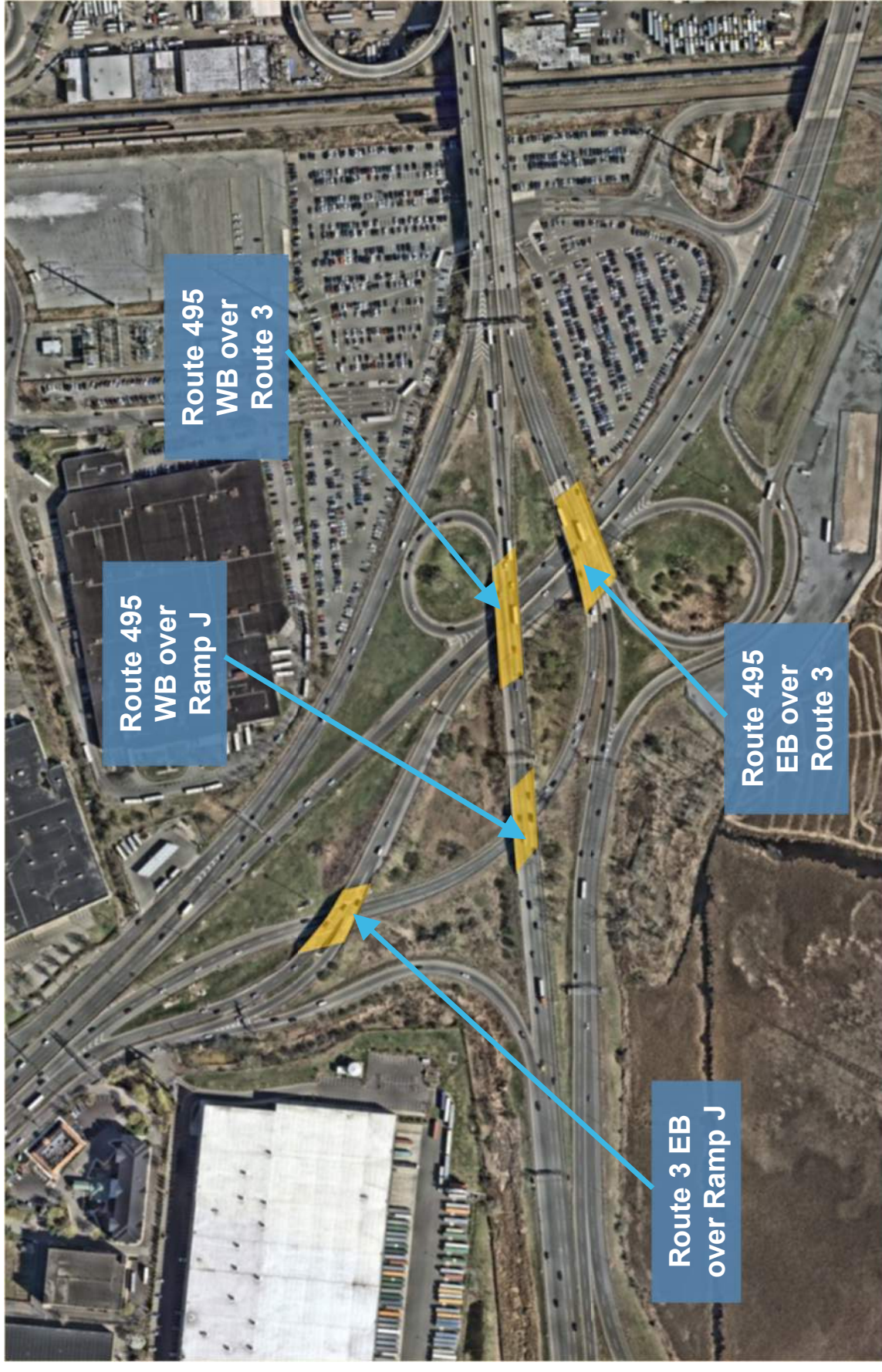
- Enhance safety and reduce delays at the Route 3 and Route 495 interchange

Project Needs

- Provide operational and safety improvements to interchange roadways and ramps
- Replace bridges

Project Goals

- Avoid, minimize, or mitigate impacts to right-of-way, utility, and the environment
- Remove left-hand exits and entrances
- Remove heavy weaving sections
- Maintain Exclusive Bus Lane (XBL) during all phases of construction



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Existing Conditions – Roadways

Route 3

- Urban Principal Arterial Freeway / Expressway
- Posted Speed Limit = 50 MPH
- 4-6 Lane, divided highway with median barrier
- Route 3 has service roads both EB (South Service Road) and WB (North Service Road)

Route 495

- Urban Principal Arterial Freeway / Expressway
- Posted Speed Limit = 50 MPH
- 4-6 Lane, divided highway with median barrier
- Route 495 WB has contraflow Exclusive Bus Lane (XBL)

Roadway Geometry

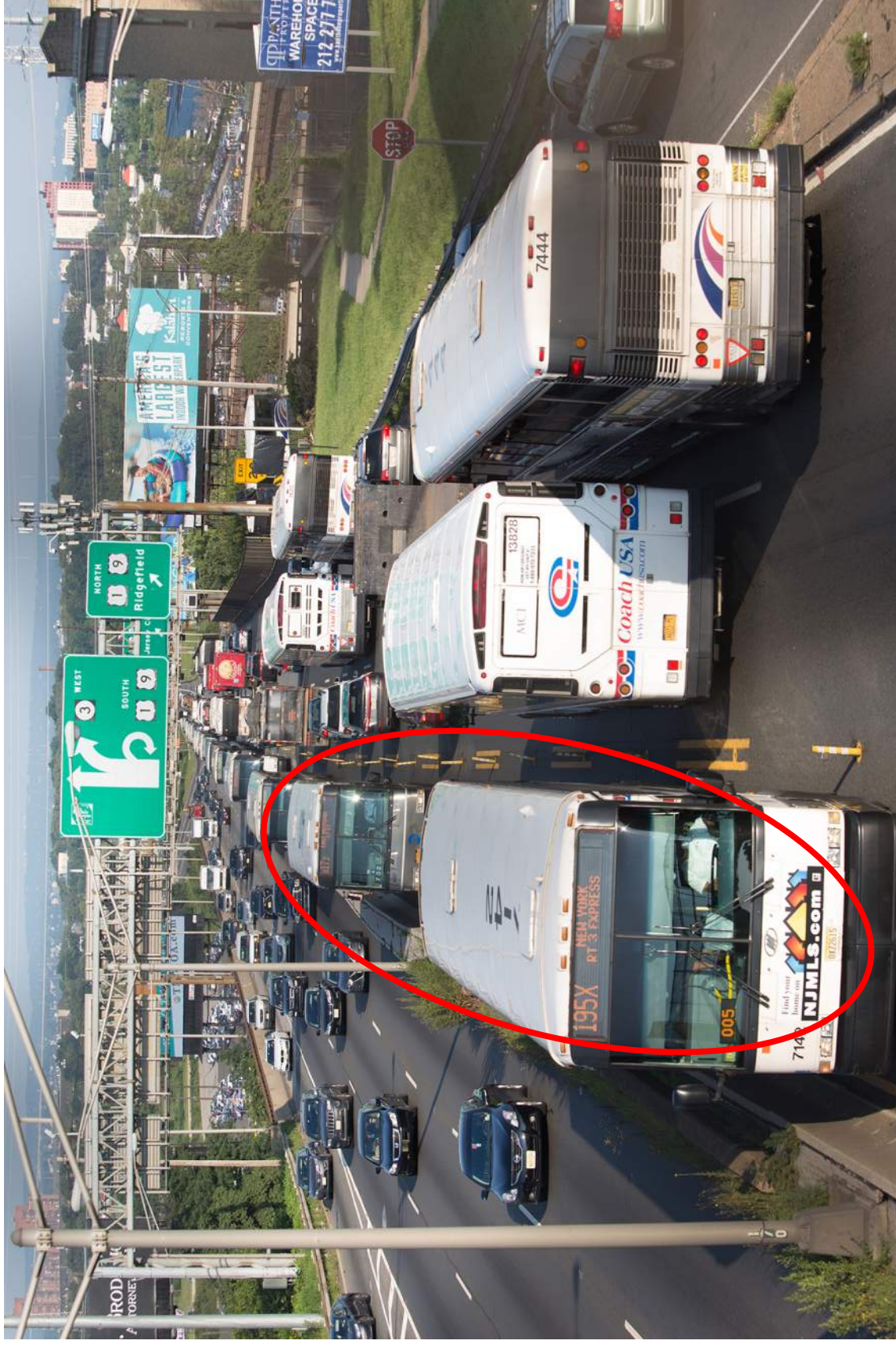
- Substandard stopping sight distance on vertical and horizontal curves
- Substandard curve radii
- Substandard acceleration & deceleration lane widths
- Substandard inside and outside shoulder widths
- Safety and operational issues
 - Heavy weaving areas in current interchange design
 - Frequent occurrence of rear-end and sideswipe crashes



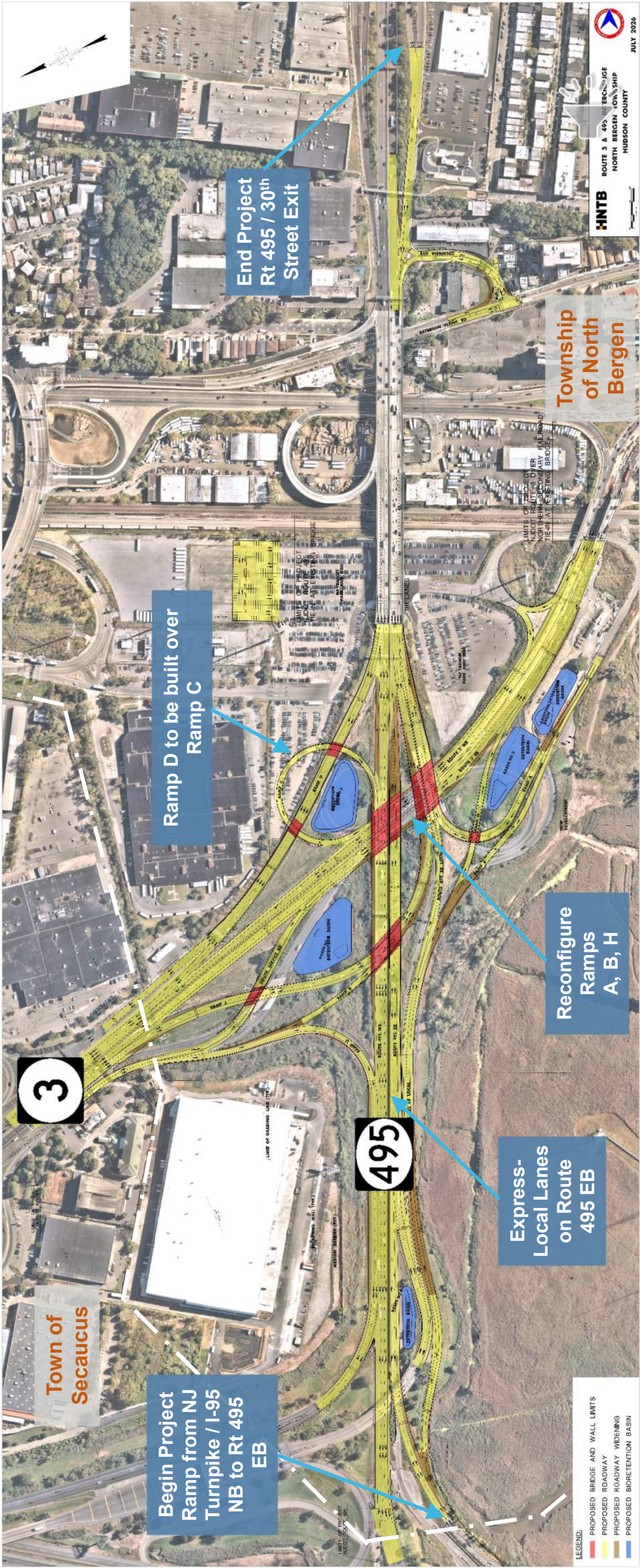
Existing Conditions – Exclusive Bus Lane

Exclusive Bus Lane

- 2.5 mile contraflow bus lane along Route 495 westbound from NJ Turnpike to Lincoln Tunnel
- Operates during weekday morning peak hours
 - Approximately 6 a.m. to 10 a.m.



Proposed Improvements – Project Plan



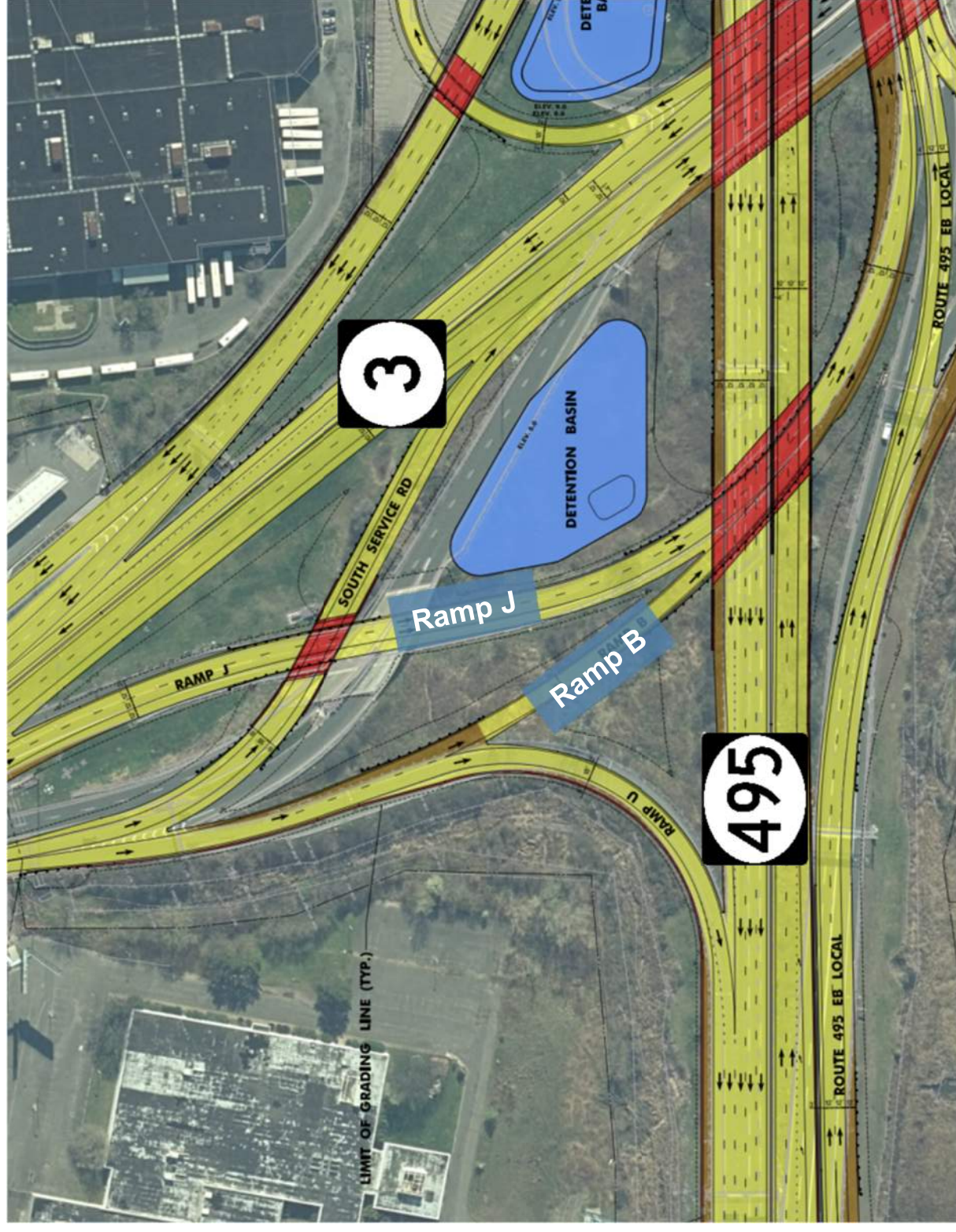
Proposed Improvements – Ramps C & D



- Ramp D (Route 495 WB to Route 3 WB) to be built over Ramp C (Route 3 WB to Route 495 WB)
- Less fill needed to construct the interchange
- Less impacts to North Bergen Park & Ride
- Less visible profile
- Improved constructability



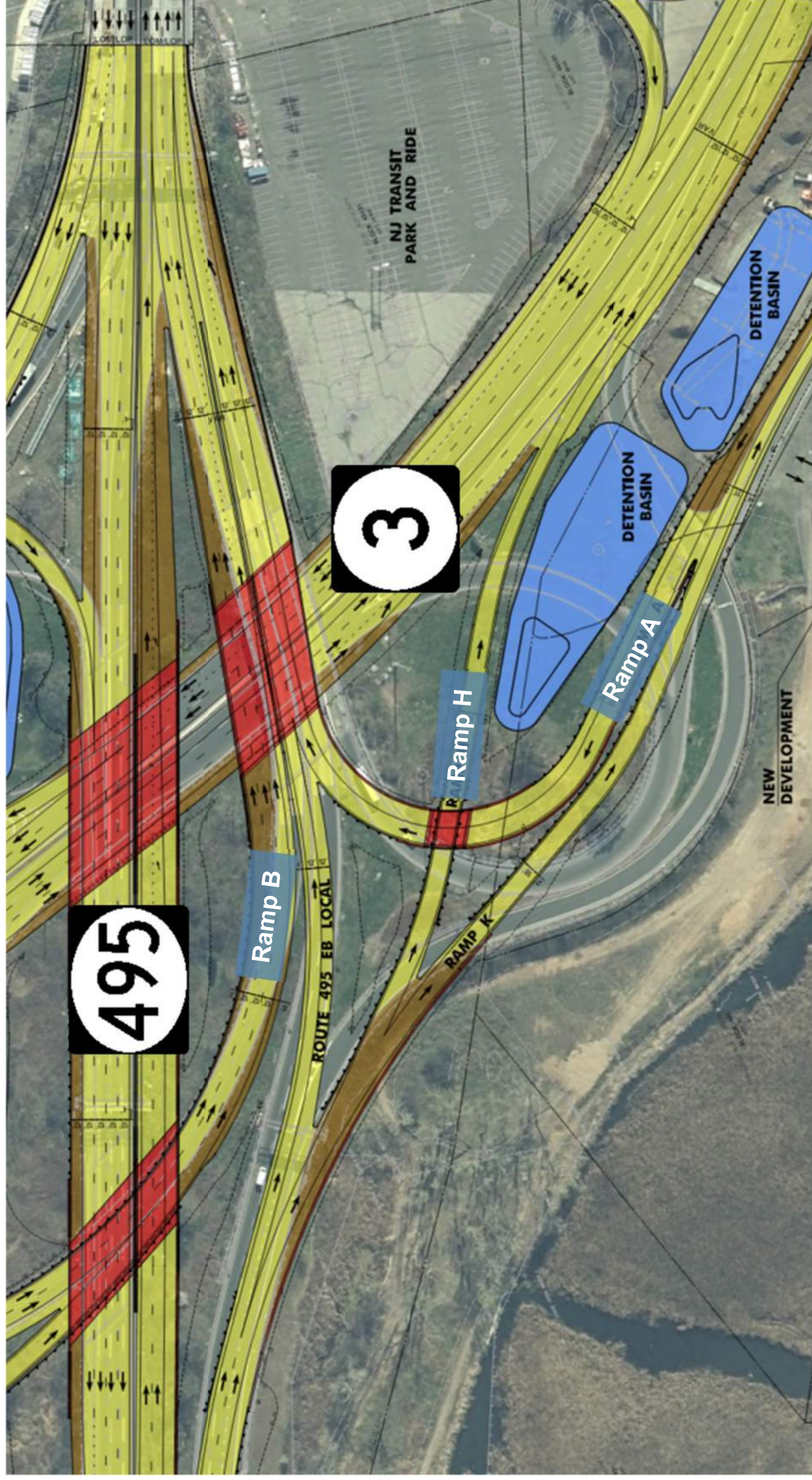
Proposed Improvements – Ramps B & J



- Ramp J realigned as right-hand exit from Route 3 EB
- Ramp B realigned adjacent to Ramp J
- Eliminates the heavy weave section between South Service Road and Ramp B (Route 3 EB to Route 495 Local EB)



Proposed Improvements – Ramps A & H



- Elimination of at-grade intersections along Ramp A (Route 3 WB to Route 495 Express EB),
 - At-grade intersection between Ramps A and H removed
 - At-grade intersection between Ramps A and B removed
- Ramp H (Route 495 Local EB to Route 3 EB) realigned to accommodate Ramp A and B realignments

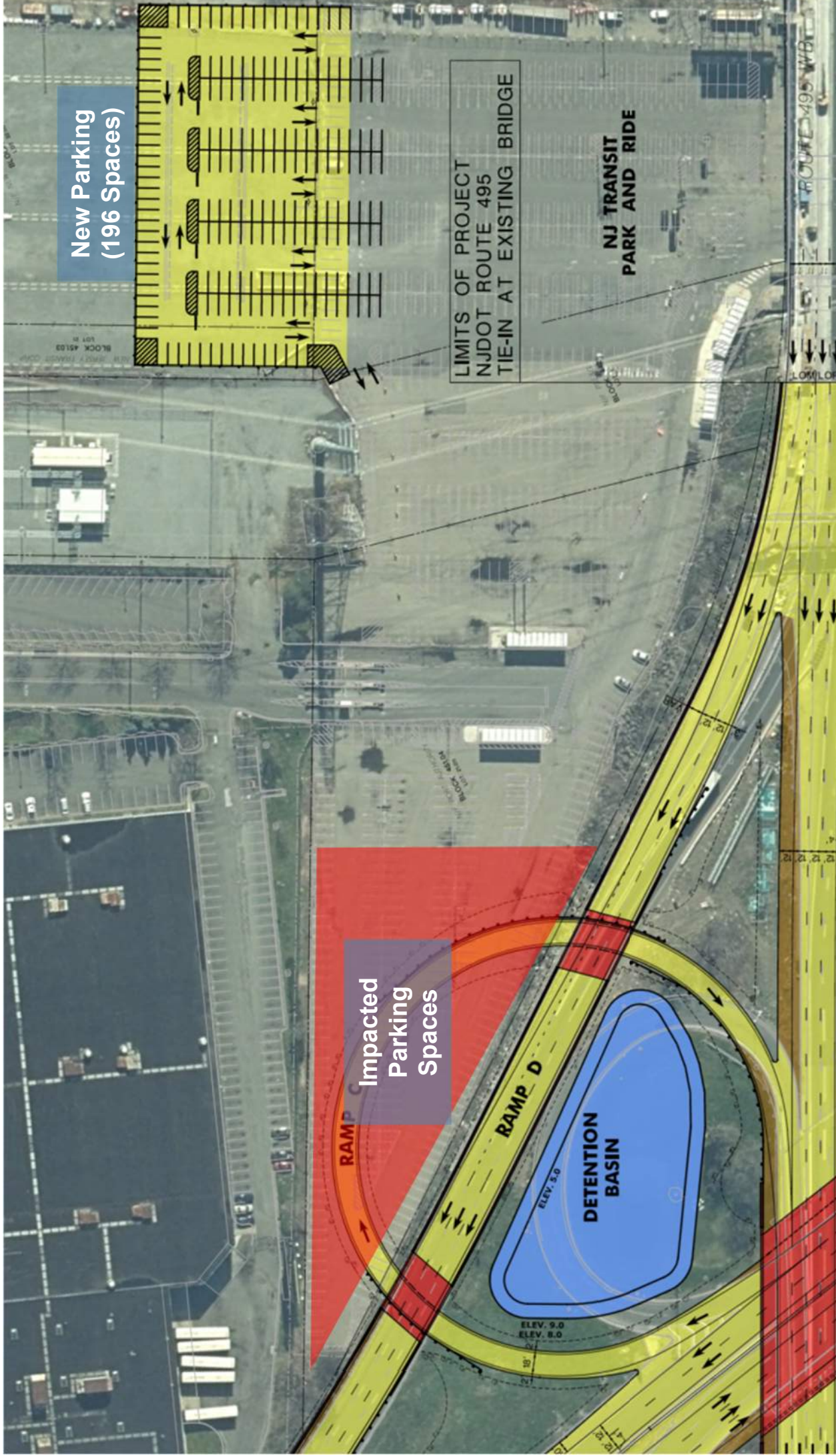
Environmental Resources & Impacts / Section 106

Anticipated Permits / Consultation
National Environmental Policy Act of 1969
USACE Nationwide Permit (NWP) 23
Section 7 Endangered Species Consultation
Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act Commission
NJDEP Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit
NJDEP Hackensack Meadowlands Individual Water Quality Certificate
NJDEP Stormwater Management Rules
NJ SESC Plan Certification
NJPDES 5G3- C-Construction Activity Stormwater General Permit



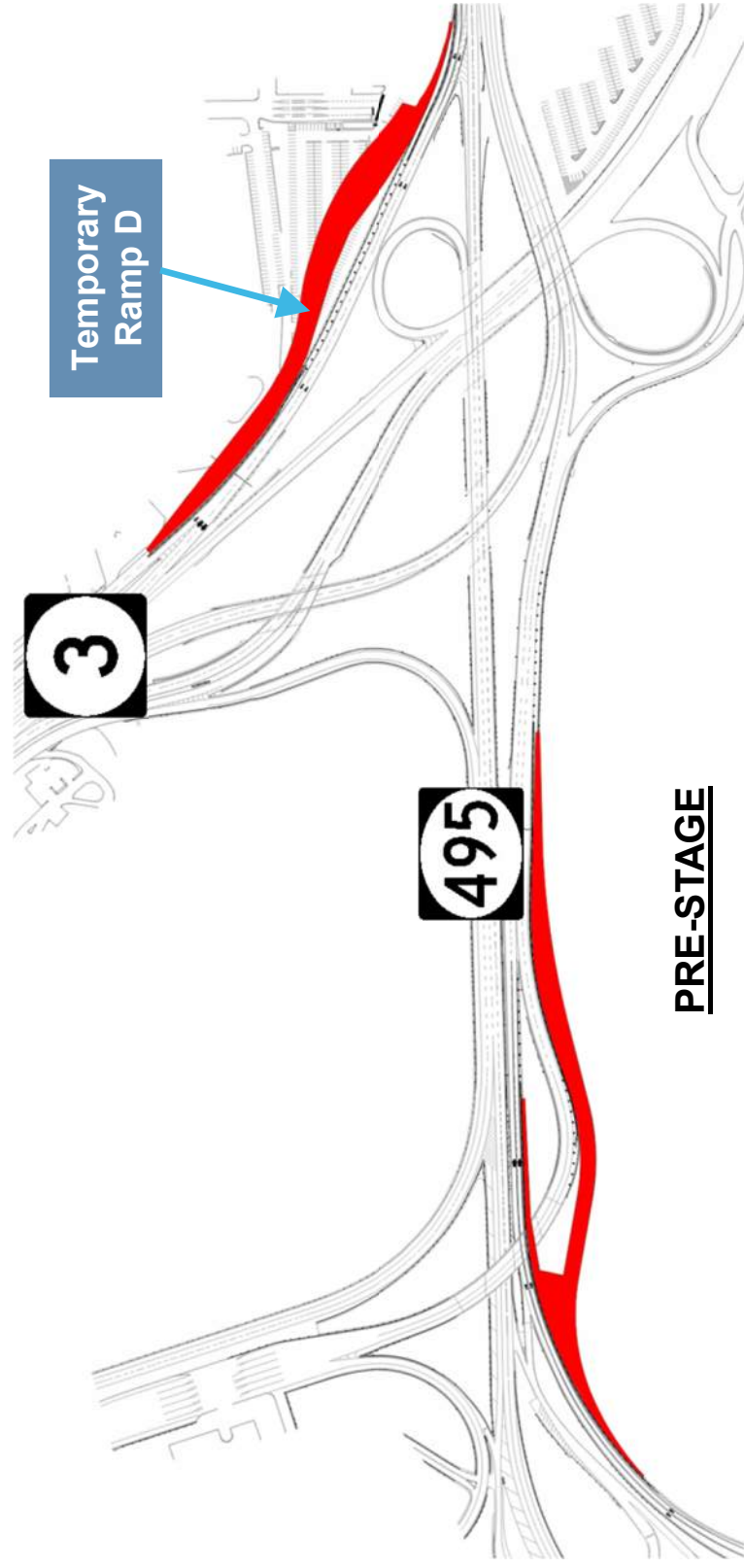
NJ Transit - North Bergen Park & Ride Impacts

- 165 parking spaces impacted due to construction of Ramp C
- 196 new parking spaces to be constructed

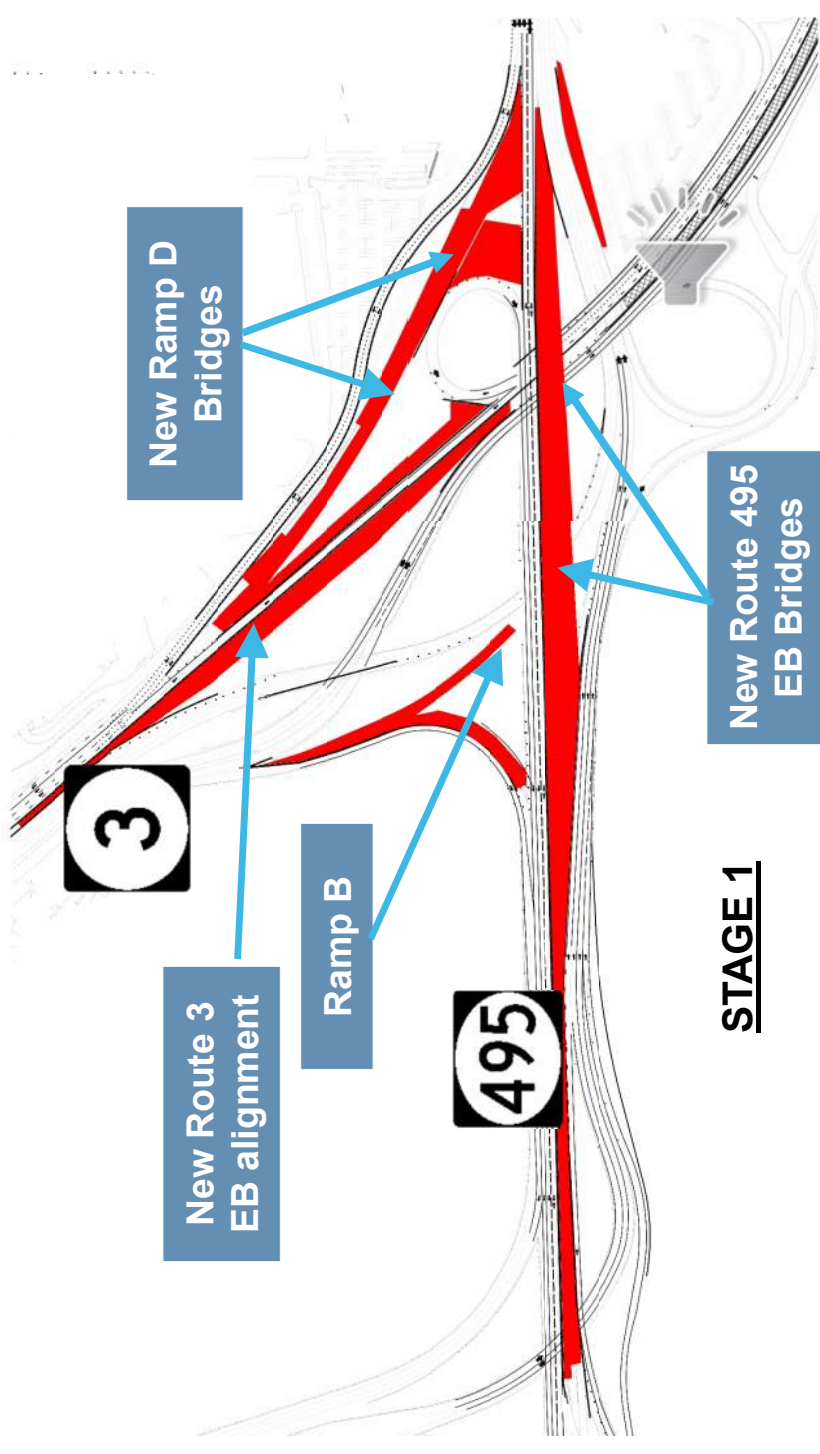


Construction Staging – Pre-Stage & Stage 1

- Pre-Stage 1
 - Construct new parking at former bus lot
 - Construct temporary Ramp D from Route 495 WB to Route 3 WB



- Stage 1
 - Construct the two Ramp D bridges
 - Construct first half of Route 495 bridges over Ramp J and Route 3
 - Begin construction on the more direct access to Route 3
 - Begin construction on Ramp B
 - Move Ramp D to temporary alignment

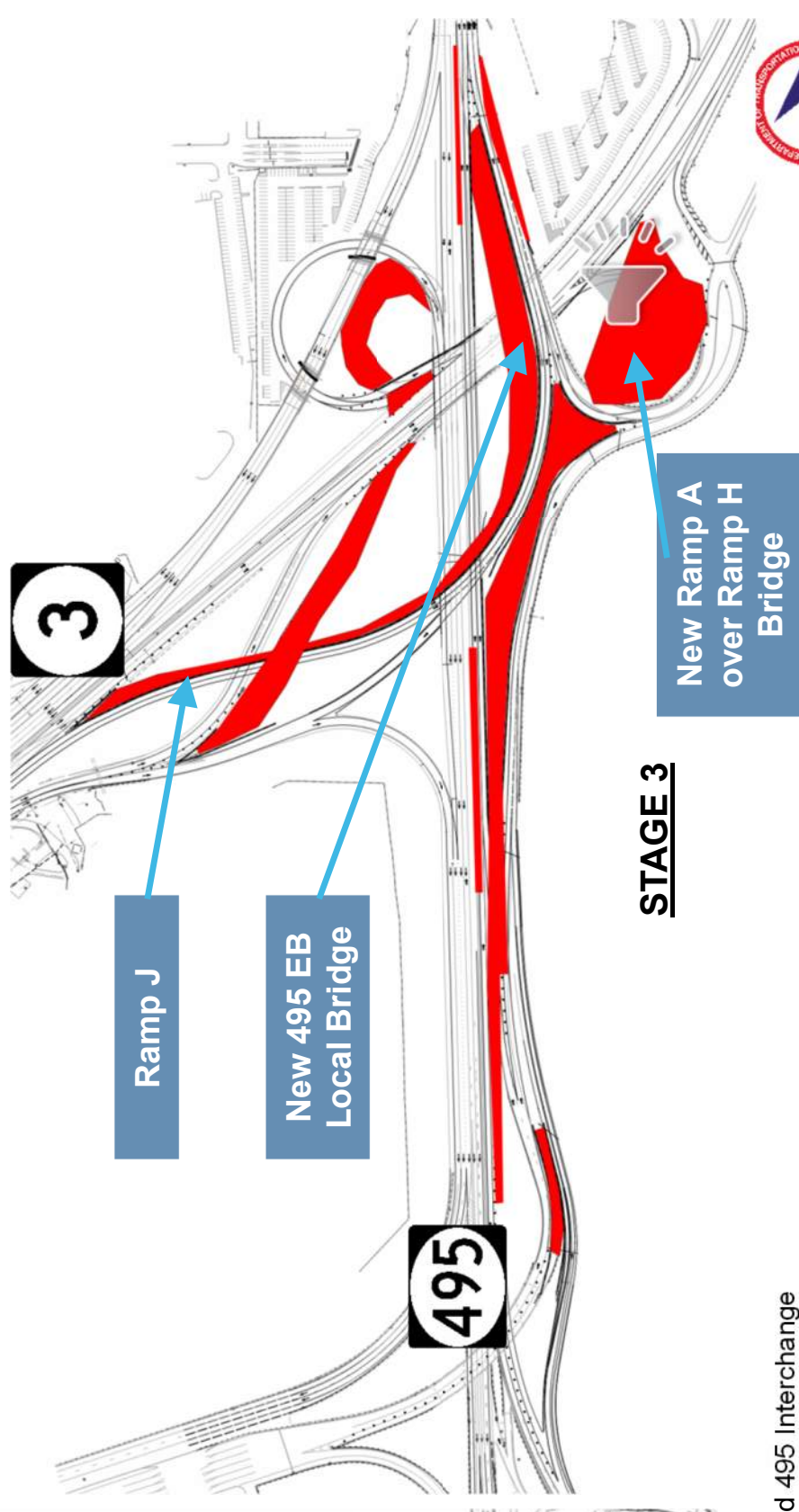
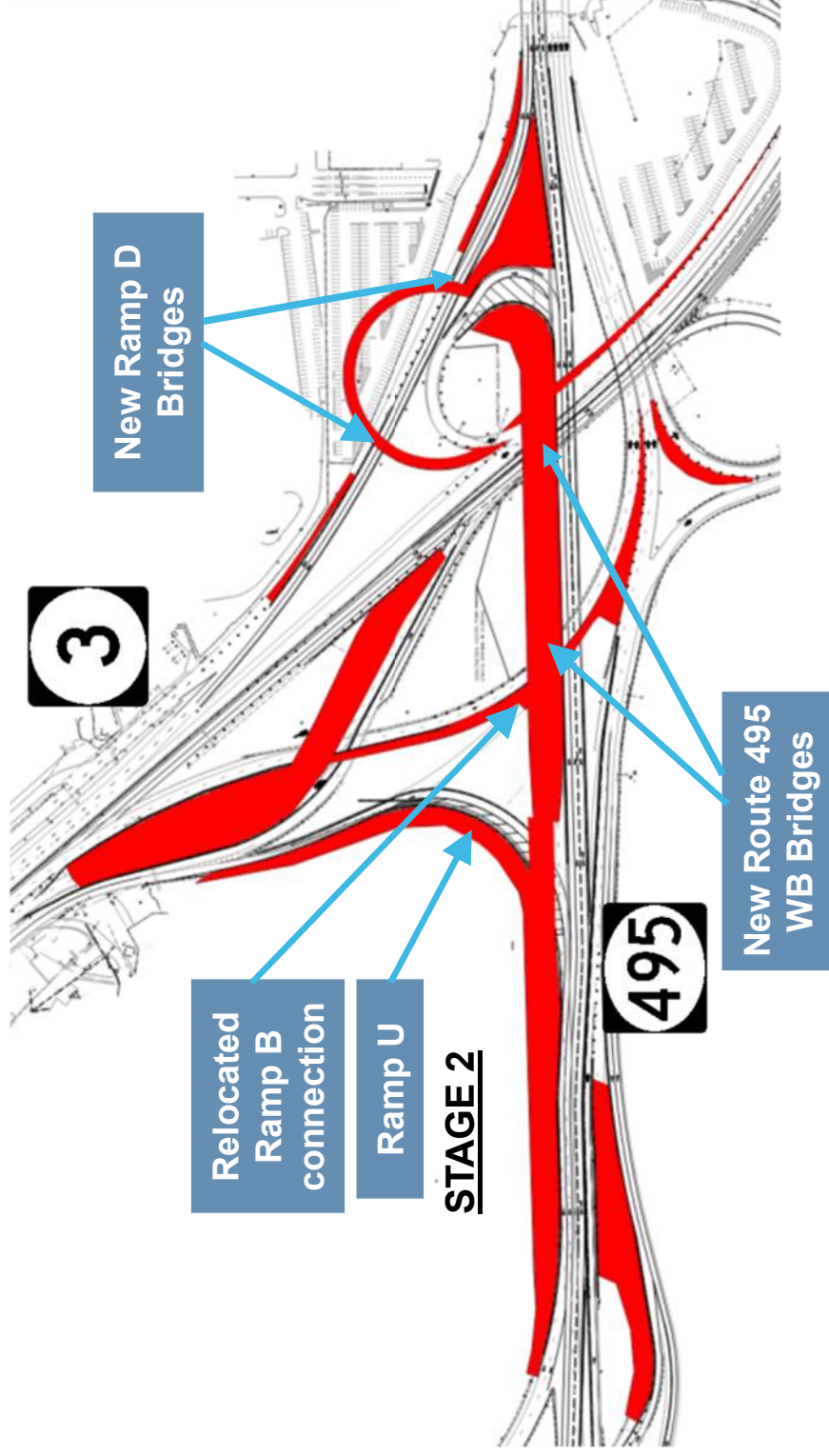


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Construction Staging – Stage 2 & Stage 3

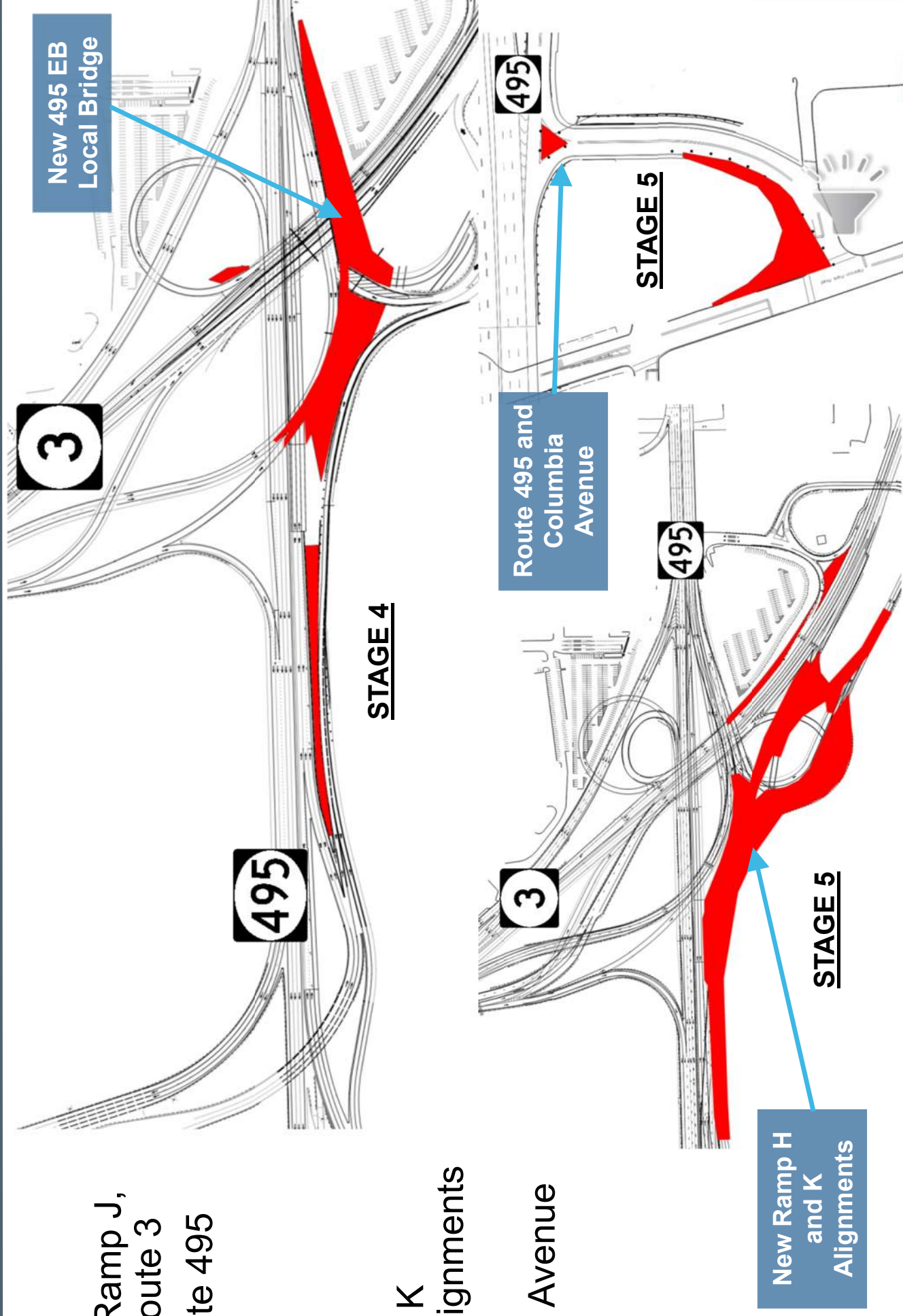
- Stage 2
 - Construct second half of Route 495 bridges over Ramp J and Route 3
 - Construct new Ramp C
 - Complete construction on Ramp B
 - Shift Route 495 WB traffic to the future WB bridge over Route 3 and Ramp J
- Stage 3
 - Construct first half of the bridge carrying Ramp J, Ramp A, and Route 495 Local EB.
 - Shift Route 495 WB into permanent alignment
 - Open Route 495 EB Express
 - Shift Ramp J to the right, open new Ramp B
 - Construct new Ramp A over Ramp H bridge offline



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Construction Staging – Stage 4 & Stage 5

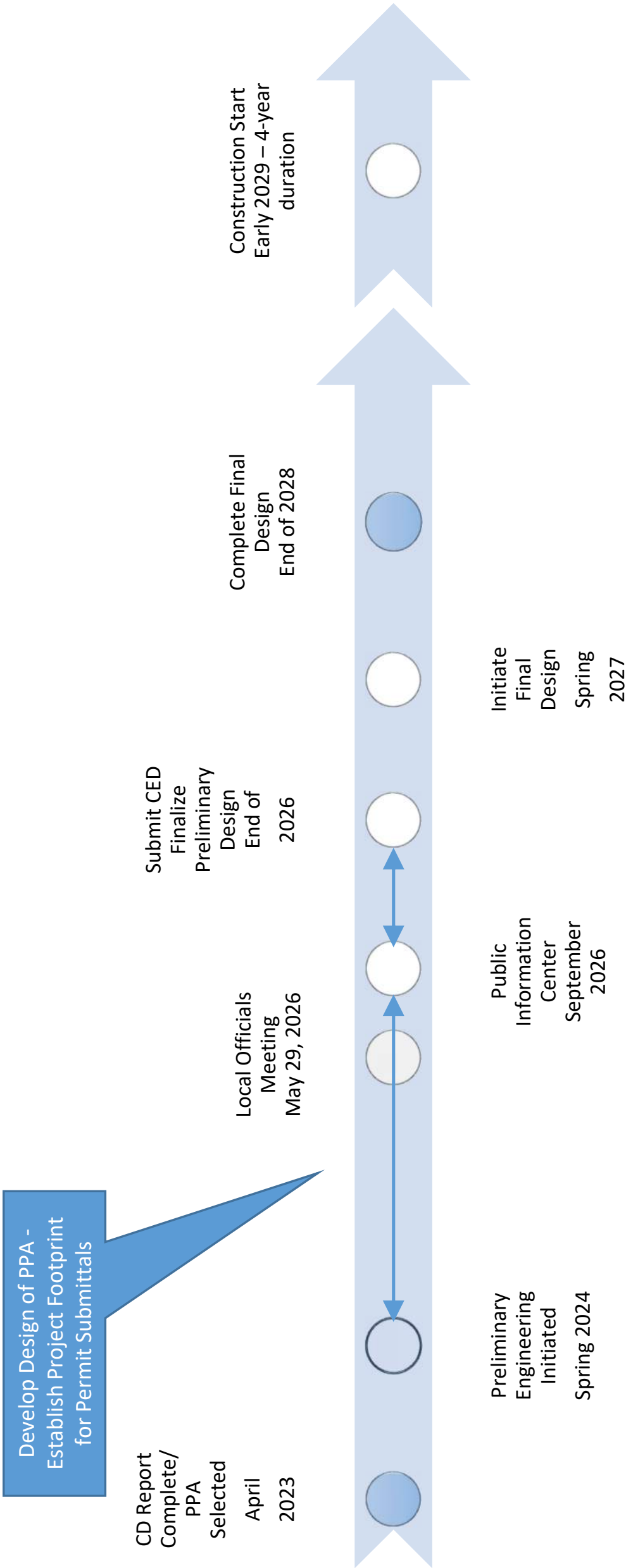
- Stage 4
 - Construct second half of bridge carrying Ramp J, Ramp A, and Route 495 Local EB over Route 3
 - Shift traffic on Ramp J, Ramp A, and Route 495 Local EB to the new bridge
- Stage 5
 - Open temporary Ramp H alignment
 - Construct permanent Ramp H and Ramp K alignments, shift traffic onto permanent alignments after construction completed
 - Completion of Route 3 WB and Columbia Avenue construction



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Estimated Project Schedule



Questions / Comments



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