



Watertown Jefferson County Area Transportation Council

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Watertown Jefferson County Area Transportation Council (WJCTC) Kicks Off Brownville Bridge Planning Study

The WJCTC's Planning Study will include input from municipal leaders, agency and citizen stakeholders, residents, and members of the public.

In late 2017, the Watertown Jefferson County Area Transportation Council (WJCTC) kicked-off a planning study to explore potential new locations for the bridge over the Black River in the Village of Brownville.

The existing structure has aged out of service and as part of the replacement process, new alignment alternatives are being considered as the current location has operational and access related inefficiencies. The planning study being conducted will explore bridge replacement options as well as potential new locations for the bridge.

"The crossing over the Black River in Brownville is an important connection in our region," said Scott Docteur, Director of Regional Planning & Program Management for NYSDOT Region 7. "In developing strategic options for relocating the bridge, our goals are to improve safety, efficiency, and enhance the future prosperity of the area."

The consulting team for the project includes Barton & Loguidice and WSP who will provide engineering and technical expertise. Highland Planning will direct the public engagement process for the project.

"We're taking a very deliberate approach to the technical analysis, including a full inventory and assessment of existing conditions and an exploration of alternatives based on design criteria and best practices," said Keith Ewald, Manager of Sustainable Planning & Design at Barton & Loguidice. "In developing potential alternative locations for a crossing, we're seeking input from residents, businesses, and schools, as well users of the bridge who come from all over the region."

Highland Planning staff will conduct door-to-door outreach in the Village of Brownville on January 18, 2018 to share information with residents and businesses. Opportunities for public engagement will include stakeholder workshops and an initial public meeting, tentatively scheduled for March 2018. Dates, times and locations for upcoming meetings will be announced in the coming weeks. If

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