REPAIR TO DELAIR BRIDGE

Conrail, using Federal funds provided by the United States Department of Transportation “Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery” (TIGER) III grant program and administered through the United States Maritime Administration via the South Jersey Port Corporation, is planning to repair the Conrail-operated approach spans to the Delair Bridge on both the New Jersey and Pennsylvania sides and bring the structure into conformance with American Railway Engineering and Maintenance-of-Way Association guidelines.

Repairs will involve replacing 60 deck girder spans and associated steel work, along with the addition of an emergency and maintenance walkway. These improvements are not intended to increase through-traffic on the bridge; rather they will enable the existing trains to carry more cargo more safely than is the case today.

As the Delair Bridge is an active passenger and freight connection between New Jersey and Pennsylvania, Conrail has opted to undertake the construction activity over a series of approximately 15 weekends, spread over the course of three years. During those weekends when span replacement will occur over DeRousse Ave. in Pennsauken, the road may need to be closed for public safety reasons. The road will remain physically open for use by first responders.

When the spans adjacent to the Delair Bridge parking lot are to be replaced, construction fencing will be placed on the south side of the parking lot at the base of the bridge to keep the public out of the construction area. The upriver spans operated by NJ TRANSIT and immediately adjacent to the parking lot will not be affected. Access to the parking lot and boat launch ramp will be maintained at all times.

Except for the temporary closure of DeRousse Ave., no roadways and sidewalks will be affected. Surrounding land uses will not be altered or compromised.