

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that the Federal Highway Administration intends to make a *de minimis* impact finding for use of parkland under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966, proposing to impact approximately 0.08 acres of Sunset Cove Park located at Berkeley Lane and L Street in Seaside Park Borough, in connection with the emergency reconstruction of Route 35 from milepost 0.0 to 12.5. The requirements for a *de minimis* impact finding are that the project does not adversely affect the activities, features, and attributes that qualify the resource for protection under Section 4(f); the officials with jurisdiction over the property are informed of the intent to make the *de minimis* impact finding based on their written concurrence; and the public has been afforded an opportunity to review and comment on the effects of the project on the protected activities, features, and attributes of the Section 4(f) resource.

The proposed impacts would be for a permanent easement held by NJDOT for construction and future maintenance of a subsurface pump system, including drainage pipes, which outfall to the bay. NJDOT has proposed constructing a gazebo to house the electrical components of the pump system designed consistent with a park setting and use, allowing park visitors continued access to the beach area as is provided now. An architect rendering of the structure can be found on the Borough website, www.seasideparknj.org.

Written comments on the finding of *de minimis* impacts may be submitted to Tina Shutz, Supervising Environmental Specialist, NJDOT, PO Box 600, Trenton, NJ 08625-0600. Public comment on the proposed impacts to Sunset Cove Park will be accepted until April 19, 2013.