

## Roads

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Jersey Turnpike Authority, talked about the project Tuesday, Feb. 22, at the Transportation Infrastructure Conference.

Withers said the preliminary design for the project at interchanges 9, 10 and 11 was completed in February and is awaiting approval for an environmental permit, so a final design can be completed by March 2012. He said if all goes according to plan, the projects could be finished by December 2014.

The improvements include putting overpasses over the intersections and removing the existing streetlights to create a better traffic flow.

The overpasses will be installed on the parkway going over Shell Bay Avenue (Interchange 9), Stone Harbor Boulevard (Interchange 10) and Crest Haven Road (Interchange 11).

Withers said originally, the project was supposed to add an overpass at Interchange 10 only.

"Construction at Interchange 10 wouldn't fix the overall problem so 9 and 11 were added so it was fixed all at one time," he said.

He said the Turnpike Authority looked at least a dozen ways to alter Interchange 10 and probably half a dozen ways for Interchanges 9 and 11 so they

could find the best way to avoid burdens on housing, businesses and the environment.

Withers said work on the southbound side of the parkway will be done first and southbound traffic will be moved to the northbound side until it is finished and then the process will be reversed.

He said the \$140 million project was put on hiatus because of the high cost, but now the project will begin once environmental permits are awarded and the final design is approved. Withers said the project was made possible through the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund and money collected from tolls. He said he hopes a

construction contract can be awarded by June 2012 so construction can start in September 2012.

"This will make a better infrastructure for the good citizens and tourists of Cape May County," he said.

He said the projects were also important to keep people employed in the construction process.

## Message signs, guide rails

There are project plans to install six more Variable Message Signs along the Garden State Parkway in Cape May County. Two of the signs are located at mileposts 6 northbound and 13 southbound. More will be put up by

December 2012.

The four additional signs on the northbound side will be erected at mileposts 11.7, 17.9, 23.9 and 27.1. On the southbound side, there will be two more installed at mileposts 5.7 and 19.7.

By the time the overall project is completed, there will be 79 signs on the parkway.

Withers said the guide rail improvements included restoration and upgrading of the existing guide rail as well as removal of unwarranted sections of the rail at milepost 30, which began in August 2010, are estimated to be completed this month.

He said there are miscellaneous substructure and superstructure repairs of the

Great Egg Harbor Bridge scheduled for the summer months. The awarded contract calls for steel and concrete superstructure repairs, as well as pile deterioration repairs. He said there also needed to be substructure concrete repairs and a better waterproof coating applied. Once again, if all goes according to plan, construction could be completed by fall 2012.

Withers said from 2011 to 2018, other projects on the Cape May County section of the parkway as well, such as operational improvements at Interchanges 0, 6, 13 and 17. There will also be upgrading in maintenance and parkway facilities.

## CAB ordinance finally introduced in Lower Township

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH  
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LOWER TOWNSHIP - Lower Township Mayor Mike Beck continued his opposition to Ordinance 2011-06, which restructured the Mayor's Advisory Board (MAB), last Monday.

Beck cast the only no in a 3-1 vote for introduction of the ordinance. Councilman Glenn Douglass was absent.

Ordinance 2011-06 would change the name to the Citizens Advisory Board and would expand the number of members from 9 to 10. Currently the mayor appoints five members of the board and the other council members appoint one each. The new ordinance would give each member, including the mayor, two appointments.

Beck said he would like the ordinance to be tabled while council focuses on the municipal budget, but did not receive support from the other council members.

Beck has opposed the restructuring of the MAB in part because he believes it would become political. He said the MAB had formed a subcommittee to investigate economic development at the Cape May County Airport, but now some of the members are quitting because they feel the board is being politicized. Beck said most people he knows have walked away from the MAB because it has become too political.

"I'm the only thing in this township that doesn't have Republican stamped on the bottom of its foot," he said. "I believe this is all about putting me in a box."

Beck, who was a Republican, but who ran for mayor as an independent, took a swipe at the Democratic Party, saying they have failed to create a "loyal opposition" in Lower Township.

Beck also took task with one of the reasons cited for allowing each councilman two appointments on the new CAB - that each ward would

be represented fairly. Beck said there was a perception that most of the MAB mem-

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- LT Mayor Mike Beck

bers were from Villas.

He said while there appears to be some concern over who gets to pick the advisory board members, no one has ever complained about the make-up of the planning or zoning boards, where members are overwhelmingly from Ward 3.

He also rejected the notion that the current MAB violated the Faulkner Act by giving too much authority to the mayor. He said there was no violation because the board was created by the vote of five council members.

"You guys need to get some

increase by one member. "By having two votes this board will be inundated with politics," Beck said. "There was not one iota of politics on this board until December."

December was when the idea of restructuring the MAB arose.

He also rejected the notion that the current MAB violated the Faulkner Act by giving too much authority to the mayor. He said there was no violation because the board was created by the vote of five council members.

Beck said he proposed a compromise in which each council member would create

their own advisory board. He said then the board would truly be expanded, not simply

counseling," Councilman Eric Simonsen said, referring to Beck and Deputy Mayor Kevin Lare.

Lare and Beck ran as running mates two years ago, but there has since been a parting of ways as evidenced at public council meetings.

Simonsen said he supported getting more people involved, and said under the current system there was nothing to prevent the mayor from appointing four people he knows to the board. He said the disagreement on restructuring the board has become two-sided and an issue between two people, calling it unfortunate.

Beck said his compromise would have allowed for a greater increase in participation than having one additional member, and a previous MAB had 25 members - all appointed by the mayor. Lare said that was under a different form of government, but Beck said it wasn't.

Simonsen said his only problem with the ordinance

was he wanted the recording secretary to be chosen from the 10 members.

The purpose of the CAB, as stated in the ordinance, is fourfold:

1. Examine what goals the township should seek to accomplish within the next 10 years.

2. Examine the best method to address concerns submitted by the mayor and council.

3. Examine the best method to address concerns submitted by residents.

4. Examine what steps or actions the township should take to attain these goals.

The second reading and public hearing on Ordinance 2011-06 will be on March 21 at 7 p.m. in Township Hall.

## From Lower Township manager's report

LOWER TOWNSHIP - Township Manager Mike Voll met with the county to discuss sweeping roads in the town-

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ship.  
- Bayshore Road improvements between Miami and Weber Avenues have been delayed until this week.  
- Court dates in Lower Township have moved from

## Water

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May and West Cape May will sort out what's available and put that in place."

The expert also believes a master meter located at Canning House Lane could also be a cause for discrepancies in the amount of water West Cape May residents are billed for and what they actually use.

At the Feb. 9 meeting, Kathy Gallagher of the West Cape May Taxpayers Association said that through public records and independent research, she and members of the group discovered that 42 percent of the water coming into West Cape May

Tuesdays to Thursdays.  
- Voll said the population of Lower Township is now 22,866, an increase of 1,317 residents since the 2000 census.  
- The road construction

comes through the Wilbraham Park meter. She said in 2009, each metered customer paid \$396 for water they didn't receive and \$402 in 2010.

## Special meeting on budget

In other business, the board of commissioners approved two resolutions that authorized emergency temporary appropriations for the local budget as well as the water/sewer budget. This was to prepare for the special budget meeting, which will be held at 1 p.m. today. Kaithern said the borough is on track for the Mar. 9 introduction of the budget.

work to extend Tabernacle and Breakwater Roads to Route 9 is progressing.

- The township received permits to do the Holmes Avenue outfall pipe reconstruction. The township awarded a contract for the project to Channel Marine Construction in the amount of \$29,800. The next closest bid was \$38,000. Voll said 75 percent of the construction cost was being funded by FEMA.

- The township received a \$500,000 grant for the extension of storm water outfall pipes, and a \$200,000 grant to fund rehabilitation of affordable housing.

- The township has come to an understanding with the county to permit buses to pass through the Senior Center lot to get to the Douglass Memorial School.

- Paper shredding day May 21 in the morning at Township Hall in the parking lot.

- Bike rodeo and auction will be on May 21.

- Township employees have requested to be allowed to hold a food drive to help replenish the local food pantries.

- The township hired Marc Szczur as a temporary laborer and Frederick Doll as an interim laborer, both effective Feb. 14.

- On March 7, Municipal Auditor Leon Costello will be at the Township Council meeting to go over the budget.

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