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SECTIONS OF INDUSTRIAL ROAD OPENING IN CARTERET

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Work crews have begun opening sections of the new **Industrial Road** in Carteret, and nearly half of the \$13 million project is expected to be in use by late fall, according to a state official.

The 2.2-mile road, once completed, will direct heavy truck traffic away from the borough's main thoroughfare and provide greater access to the redeveloping **industrial area**.

Industrial Road, which borough officials sought for years, was delayed by environmental problems that set back its start by more than two years.

About 3,000 feet of roadway have been opened to traffic, according to Harold Harmon, the state Department of Transportation resident engineer on the project. The first section, near the interchange with the New Jersey Turnpike, opened in early August. A second portion, near the borough's police and fire headquarters, opened Aug. 28.

"Approximately half of the roadway will be open by this fall," Harmon said.

Because of the difficulties of construction in wetlands and swamp areas, the completion of the entire road is still about 2 1/2 years off, Harmon said.

However, the engineer said all but about 1,000 feet of the road will be open by the fall of 1990. He said the construction crews should finish another mile of road this fall, about three-fourths of a mile next year and the final mile during 1991.

Because the road is being built across wetlands or swamp areas, work crews need to add fill to the area in stages and then wait for the material to compress, Harmon said.

Based on the amount of money spent, he estimated the project is about 40 percent complete. The contractor is Belezza Co. of South Kearny.

When completed, **Industrial Road** will run from Roosevelt Avenue near the Exit 12 Interchange with the Turnpike, across a tank farm owned by Amoco Oil Co. and along the Arthur Kill to the **industrial areas** of the waterfront.

The roadway will take truck traffic off Roosevelt Avenue in Carteret and provide access to a group of warehouses, light **industrial buildings** and a marina proposed for the waterfront area.

The Carteret waterfront was once home to several large **industrial operations**, including the huge U.S. Metals Refining Co. smelter, that have since closed down. Municipal officials have long asserted that the road is needed to help revitalize the area.

Industrial Road will serve a \$25 million, 800,000-square-foot complex which was completed in 1987, as well as a new complex of buildings proposed for the former U.S. Metals site by its parent company, AMAX Inc.

AMAX, which is presently demolishing the old U.S. Metals plant, is planning to build a \$150 million redevelopment project along **Industrial Road**, with 2.5 million square feet of light **industrial and warehouse space**, and a 550-boat marina.

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CARTERET READY TO UNVEIL NEW INDUSTRIAL ROAD

ANTHONY A. GALLOTTO

PROJECT WILL EASE ACCESS, REMOVE TRUCK TRAFFIC FROM RESIDENTIAL AREAS

After five years and a state investment of \$15 million, Carteret is ready to open a new road designed to allow easier access to the borough's industrial areas and alleviate truck traffic on residential streets.

The new 2.5-mile Industrial Road runs from Roosevelt Avenue, near New Jersey Turnpike Exit 12, to Middlesex Avenue in the Chrome section of Carteret.

Industrial Road crosses an oil tank farm owned by Amoco Oil Co. and runs along the Arthur Kill to the borough's waterfront industrial area. The Carteret waterfront was once home to several large industrial operations, including the huge U.S. Metals Refining Co. smelter, which have closed down. Mayor Peter J. Sica has maintained that the opening of Industrial Road will revitalize the industrial section of the 4.5-square-mile borough, which, in turn, will add to the municipal tax base and slow the rate of property tax increase for the 19,100 residents.

Industrial Road also is expected to alleviate truck traffic on busy Roosevelt and Washington avenues. The two thoroughfares pass through residential neighborhoods and, for years, have been regularly clogged with lines of tractor trailers.

Sica said he has invited Gov. Jim Florio, state Sen. Lawrence S. Weiss (D- Middlesex), and former Gov. Thomas Kean to participate in Wednesday's opening ceremonies for Industrial Road.

In 1986, Kean was instrumental in helping Carteret obtain money from the state Department of Transportation to build the road. The Bellezza Co. of South Kearny did the construction work.

A one-mile section of Industrial Road was opened in 1989, but work on the remaining portion was delayed by environmental problems. Part of the 1.5-mile section that has been under construction for the last two years passed through swamps, where workmen added fill to wetlands and then had to wait for the material to compact.

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CARTERET TRUCK BYPASS

ANTHONY A. GALLOTTO

MAYOR TURNS ATTENTION TO ROOSEVELT AVENUE BOTTLENECK

Carteret Mayor Peter J. Sica yesterday urged state transportation officials to upgrade the Roosevelt Avenue bridge to alleviate truck traffic from the western end of the borough.

Sica made the request during the dedication of the 2 1/2-mile **Industrial Road**, which was built at a cost of \$15 million to ease truck congestion on residential streets and give trucks easy access to the borough's **industrial area**.

"One problem is solved, but that's not good enough," Sica said, waving a rolled up set of drawings for Roosevelt Avenue bridge. "Now we can all get to work on solving **Carteret's** other major traffic headache." The Roosevelt Avenue bridge passes over the New Jersey Turnpike.

State Transportation Commissioner Thomas Downs attended the noon ribbon-cutting ceremony for the **Industrial Road** project but made no promise to Sica. "We'll take a look at it, of course," Downs said.

State Sen. Laurence S. Weiss (D-Middlesex), Assemblymen George J. Otowski (D-Middlesex) and Thomas J. Deverin (D-Union) and Freeholder David B. Crabel joined Sica and Downs before a crowd of 250 at the ceremony.

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The waterfront was once home to several large **industrial** operations, including the U.S. Metals Refining Co. smelter, which have closed in recent years.

Sica predicted that **Industrial Road** will help revitalize the 4 1/2-square-mile **industrial area** which, in turn, he said, will add to the municipal tax base and slow the rate of property tax increases for the borough's 19,000 residents.

"I grew up in Carteret, and in my boyhood people used to talk about building a road that would go around Carteret just to get the trucks off the street," Weiss said. "That was many years ago. Well, it's finally here."

Weiss credited Sica for the road work. "Your mayor is a man of little patience, but a lot of virtue," Weiss said. "Without his perseverance we would not be here."

"**Industrial Road** was talked about for years," Sica said. "It seems like this project took forever, but it was done a year ahead of time. There were so many delays I wrote a letter to *Commissioner Downs* and threatened I was going to finish the road myself, if he didn't do something."

"Of course, I sent a copy to Gov. Jim Florio. Since he's Italian, he probably did something to help," the mayor said.

In 1986, former Gov. Thomas Kean helped Carteret obtain money from the Transportation Department to build the road. A one-mile stretch was opened in 1989, but work on the other portion was delayed by environmental problems.

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Carteret Dedicates Peter J. Sica Memorial Highway

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CARTERET—Last Friday, against a backdrop of outgoing traffic, Mayor Daniel Reiman welcomed state and county dignitaries, residents, and friends and family of the late Mayor Pete J. Sica, for a rededication ceremony honoring the local hero that has become immortalized in Carteret's history, and the highway that is his namesake.



Mayor Daniel Reiman presents a plaque to Barbara Sica, Peter Sica's wife

Pete Sica was the town's second longest-serving mayor, completing four consecutive terms beginning in 1983, until he chose not to run for re-election in 1998. During his time in the local spotlight, he earned a reputation as being hard-headed and yet softhearted, fighting for improvements in Carteret, while selflessly giving help – and often money – to those in need.

Among his local achievements was the establishment of what has now been dubbed the Peter J. Sica Memorial Highway. In the early 1980s, Sica gained regional popularity by gathering local residents to blockade Exit 12 of the N.J. Turnpike, in protest of the truck traffic that plagued the town's streets. The stunt also turned heads at the state level, and eventually earned the town funding that would allow for the construction of the industrial highway which now keeps truck traffic diverted from Carteret's residential and retail districts.

On Dec. 14, an extension to Industrial Avenue, allowing to connect to and terminate in Woodbridge, was completed. The 1.4 mile extension was negotiated under the Reiman administration with Woodbridge Township as part of the Port Reading Industrial Park Redevelopment project in May of 2004. As part of the project Carteret received a \$2 million federal grant for the construction of various upgrades and improvements along the roadway on the Carteret side. A range of conceptual plans were prepared over the years, but the project was not advanced due to budget constraints for both municipalities and lack of NJDOT funding.

Beginning in 2003, ProLogis (formerly Catellus Development Group) expressed interest in developing two large brownfields in Carteret, the former Reichhold Chemical, and Staflex sites (formerly part of the U.S. Metals Carteret Refinery) comprising 55 acres in Carteret, and the Beazer, PSE&G, and Oliver Block site in the Port Reading section of Woodbridge Township, comprising 235 acres. Joining with Carteret and Woodbridge, they developed the final plan to construct the IRE.

The private development project known as "Port Reading Business Park" was approved by both the Carteret and Woodbridge Planning Boards. The Carteret side of the project was completed in 2005 and the first building on the Port Reading side, fronting Port Reading Avenue was complete in November 2007. Six additional buildings are planned for Woodbridge consisting of 2.5 million square feet, with a total two-town build-out of 3.2 million square feet.

During the ceremony Reiman unveiled the "Peter J. Sica Memorial," a tribute to the local legend as well as the project he began that has led to so much positive change in the town's light industrial districts. The landmark is located at the corner of Industrial and Middlesex avenues.

Reiman, along with members of the Sica family, and dignitaries who remembered the charismatic honoree fondly, recalled memories, stories, and anecdotes, many of which surfaced in abundance in the months following his death in 1999, and which have been preserved through the years as part of his legacy. Also in attendance were State Assemblyman John Wisniewski (D-19), State Assemblyman Joe Vas (D-19), and former mayor and Assemblyman Thomas J. Deverin.

Among his many achievements, Sica owned and operated his own demolition business. He was known for his motivation and self-reliance, and chose to perform much of the company's work himself. On Oct. 6, 1999, while demolishing a warehouse in Kearny, a section of concrete roof collapsed, crushing the cab section of his machinery. He died instantly. The day of the dedication, Aug. 8, would have been Sica's 68th birthday.

Approximately 350 residents, family members, and visitors attended the ceremony.

"Today's turnout is a testament to the popularity of a man who stood by his town the way he stood by his family," Mayor Reiman commented afterwards. "He made a name for himself both in and beyond Carteret, by fighting for what he believed in and for those in need. This was a day of solemn remembrance, but also one of celebration. Last year's completion of the Peter J. Sica Memorial Highway marked the continuation of a vision he shared, and a major leap forward for economic improvement in Carteret."

"Regarding the traffic during the ceremony," Reiman added, "Pete would have liked it. That's the sound of progress, of jobs, of growth and ratables."

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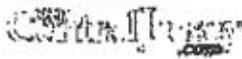
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Construction on Turnpike Exit 12 nearly complete; Carteret mayor fears congestion

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Construction at interchange 12 on the New Jersey Turnpike is nearing an end, but the borough still has concerns about the area surrounding it, officials said.

The three-year-old project is now 84 percent complete, New Jersey Turnpike Authority spokesman Joe Orlando said. It is likely to be completed in October or November.

The project is in the third of four stages. The third stage "basically completes local roads," Orlando said in an e-mail. The final stage will open the flyover and finish the new plaza work.

The project's original cost was projected to be more than \$70 million. The final tally will likely be about \$75 million, all covered by the Turnpike Authority, Orlando said.

The exit, which now has eight lanes, will have 17 lanes upon completion, Orlando said.

Borough officials said they are pleased with the progress of the project.

"This is a long time coming. It was talked about for 30 years," Mayor Daniel Reisman said. "The turnpike has done a phenomenal job with the construction and with managing the traffic. They have worked well with the Carteret police and we've had officers out there directing traffic, when needed."

However, Reisman said he fears that the nearby "already overused" Roosevelt Avenue bridge ... which connects Carteret to West Carteret over the turnpike ... will be even more congested when a connector bridge is constructed. The bridge will be built from Industrial Road just past interchange 12, to Tremley Point in Linden.

Reisman said "the turnpike owns the structure of the (Roosevelt Avenue) bridge, the county owns the road and the city is responsible for the lights."

Engineering plans for the connector bridge should be ready by the end of the summer, with work getting underway in 2011 or 2012, Linden Mayor Richard Gerbounka said. A \$34 million grant from the federal stimulus package was awarded to start developing the bridge.

Reisman said he would like the turnpike authority to add a lane to both sides of the Roosevelt Avenue bridge to help with traffic flow.

"Our concern is that the bridge is already at capacity," Reisman said. "The bridge needs to be addressed now, as we cannot wait until the connector road is complete to make these much needed and overdue improvements."

Orlando said "the bridge to West Carteret is not affected by the construction (of the interchange) and will remain as is.

"We've studied the mayor's request numerous times, and quite honestly, it's the not the answer to the problem," Orlando said. "The problem that they have is really an intersection (near Roosevelt Avenue) on the west side (of the project), which is out of our jurisdiction."

"Nothing we've done has increased traffic through the intersection they are talking about," Orlando continued. "The reason they need it is because of development that has occurred within Carteret."

Regardless, Reisman said he remains pleased with the work already done to the exit.

"Overall, we are very pleased with the staging of the project and we look forward to its completion," he said.

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Construction at Exit 12 of the New Jersey Turnpike is wrapping up, although concerns about increased traffic congestion at a nearby bridge remain, borough officials said.

The approximately three-year-old project is now 95 percent complete, Turnpike Authority spokesman Joe Orlando said. Work is expected to be completed in November.

The exit, which currently has eight toll lanes, will have 17 upon completion, Mayor Daniel Reiman said.

New interchange ramps have been installed, as have new traffic signals on Roosevelt Avenue, according to Orlando. Local roads adjacent to the exit have been widened.

Orlando said "very minor work" still needs to be done, such as paving at the toll plaza, some electrical work and the placement of new signs.

The project originally was expected to cost about \$70.5 million. The final tally will be about \$79.5 million, all covered by the Turnpike Authority, Orlando said.

The interchange, at milepost 95.9, is bounded by the New Jersey Turnpike and rail lines to the west, Roosevelt Avenue to the south, petroleum storage tanks to the east and a railroad spur to the north.

Borough officials said they are pleased with the progress

of the project to date.

"(The reconstruction of the interchange) has been a great benefit to both the residents of Carteret and the communities (the interchange) serves," Reiman said.

"Remember Interchange 12 is not a local interchange; It's a regional. It serves Carteret, the portion of Woodbridge towards the western side of Carteret, and parts of Rahway and Linden."

Reiman said residents have found it "frustrating at times" to deal with the traffic delays that sporadically develop because of construction, but he gave kudos to the Turnpike Authority for doing a good job at managing general traffic concerns.

The state Department of Transportation and Turnpike Authority have had discussions with the borough about a ribbon-cutting ceremony to be held in either October or November, but no date has been set, Reiman said Friday. However, borough officials remain worried that the already overused Roosevelt Avenue Bridge -- connecting Carteret to West Carteret over the Turnpike -- will become more congested once a connector bridge from Industrial Road, just past Exit 12, to Tremley Point in Linden is built.

Linden Mayor Richard Gerbounka said that work on the connector bridge is projected to begin in 2011 or 2012, adding that a \$34 million grant from the federal stimulus package was awarded to start developing the bridge. Reiman said he would like the Turnpike Authority to add a lane to both sides of the Roosevelt Avenue Bridge to help with traffic flow.

"We've had some discussions with them (the Turnpike Authority) relative to the work that ultimately needs to be done on the (Roosevelt Avenue) bridge," Reiman said. "From our perspective, the work that has been done so far is a great start to the overall project, but we're still looking for additional improvements to be made to the bridge that goes over the Turnpike."

Reiman added that the borough has a 2005 grant that is being used for preliminary planning and engineering to redesign the intersection at the base of the bridge in West Carteret.

"We have also applied for federal funds for bridge improvements," he said.

Oriando said that despite the borough's concerns, the

Roosevelt Avenue Bridge will remain "as is."
"Our consultants all feel that the current configuration (of the bridge) works," he said.

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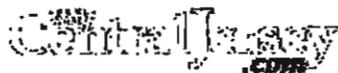
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Carteret, NJ—On Wednesday December 30th, Mayor Dan Reiman and the Borough Council were joined by local business leaders in welcoming a new Shell station to 8600 Industrial Highway. According to Mayor Reiman, the Shell station and Food Mart are the first retail commercial businesses to open on Industrial Avenue in more than 20 years.

The formerly vacant property where the business resides, on the corner of Peter Sica



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Industrial Highway and Randolph Street, hosted a 3 acre lumberyard. The remaining acreage adjacent to Shell was developed with a townhome development according to Carteret's Office of Construction.

The Carteret Office of Economic Development reports suggest that the developer, ONDEV, LLC, will have invested close to \$1.2 million in the redevelopment project, which will be the only such fuel stop offering diesel fuel and accessible to truck traffic east of the N.J. Turnpike in Carteret. With approximately 55,000 cars and trucks utilizing Interchange 12 and passing through Carteret daily, the new Shell station should have plenty of customers.

More significantly, it represents a major commercial improvement for the Industrial Highway, according to Borough officials:

"The establishment of this facility means more than meets the eye," Mayor Reiman stated. "It represents years of thinking and re-planning our business districts and infrastructure, and the improvement and expansion of the Industrial Highway Light Industrial area."

In December 2007, an extension to Industrial Avenue providing a connection to Woodbridge was completed. The 1.4 mile extension was negotiated and approved under the Reiman administration with Woodbridge Township as part of the Port Reading Industrial Park Redevelopment project in May of 2004. As part of the project Carteret received a Federal TEA-21 Grant in the amount of \$2.0M for the construction of various upgrades and improvements along the roadway in Carteret.

Last month, Mayor Reiman announced that a \$1.1 million construction contract for Industrial Avenue improvements had been awarded for two intersections along Industrial Highway, with construction slated for completion by the fall of 2010. Middlesex County and the Borough have agreed to jointly fund improvements at the Roosevelt Avenue intersections along the Peter J. Sica Memorial Highway (Industrial Highway), which will include improvements to these two major intersections.

Industrial Highway is currently a municipal roadway and is scheduled to be taken over by the county upon the conclusion of the improvements, while Roosevelt Avenue is currently a county owned roadway.

"The Peter Sica Memorial Highway represents the industrial gateway to Carteret" Mayor Reiman stated. "With the incredible amount of economic growth we've experienced, and the completion of the road's extension to Woodbridge, Industrial Highway has become the lifeline of many industrial parks and commercial districts. This new business is indicative of a bright future for our most prominent industrial artery."

Mayor Reiman added that a major focus of his administration has been to divert truck traffic from residential areas to the town's main arteries. Approximately 55,000 cars and trucks pass through Carteret daily, according to Reiman. Improvements such as those to Industrial Highway facilitate the processes through which trucks can be confined to industrial areas.

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