

Fair Lawn Avenue bridge to be replaced in 2018

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The Fair Lawn Avenue bridge linking Fair Lawn and Paterson is owned by Passaic County. Its replacement, slated to be done in 2018, will be built with federal money.

FAIR LAWN — The dilapidated Fair Lawn Avenue bridge that connects Passaic and Bergen counties will be replaced by 2018, officials said.

The project is estimated to cost around \$12 million, to be funded by federal monies, said Steven Edmond, Passaic County engineer.

The current bridge, which spans the Passaic River and connects Route 20 in Paterson to Fair Lawn Avenue, has been repaired several times over the past several years. Four years ago, there was some steel work done on the structure, Edmond said.

But now Passaic County, which owns the bridge, will remove the narrow span that only has one lane in each direction with a hopefully wider structure that will allow for cars to turn more easily onto Route 20, Edmond said.

The project is still in the design stage, which Edmond estimates could last about two years. After a contractor is selected, it could take another year and a half to remove the current bridge and construct a new one, Edmond said.

Borough Manager Jim Van Kruiningen said during construction, the bridge will be closed on both the Fair Lawn and

Paterson ends. There will be detours through Morlot, Maple and Lincoln avenues.

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