What is the Beesleys Point Bridge and Why is it Closed? The Beesley
Point Bridge is a privately owned bridge which carries Route US 9 across Great Egg Harbor, connecting Cape May and Atlantic Counties.

Why is it Closed?
The Beesleys Point Bridge Company closed the bridge three years ago, due to structural concerns. It is estimated that the bridge requires $20 Million in repair, which the company says it does not have. In 1997 the owners received $900,000 from the Department of Transportation, and in return agreed to keep the bridge open and make repairs until 2012. Last year, the owners are reported to have told the state to take the bridge because the owners no longer wanted it and were unable to sell it.

Why is this a Critical Issue?
There are very few evacuation routes out of Cape May County which makes this bridge closure a critical Public Safety Issue. It has been estimated that it would take over 30 hours to evacuate Cape May County in the event of a hurricane during the summer tourist season.

HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP BREAK THE IMPASSE…TO PROTECT YOUR FAMILY AND ALL FAMILIES WHO ENJOY OUR BEACHES IN CAPE MAY COUNTY.
WHY NOT USE YOUR CELL AND…

1. **Call** the following NJ Leaders…leave your **name** and **address** and tell them you want **NJ Department of Transportation** to **purchase or replace the Beesleys Point Bridge**

NJ Governor Jon Corzine   **609-292-6000**

NJ Senate President Richard Codey   **973-731-6770**

NJ General Assembly Speaker Joe Roberts Jr   **856-742-7600**

OR

2. **E-mail or write your assemblymen or state senators.**
(a) Tell them that **Cape May County** needs to improve the infrastructure for emergency evacuations…(b) Urge them to **repair or replace** the Beesleys Point Bridge. **It's easy**…sample letters on this issue can be found on the SICTA website, www.sicta.org …look for the link on Beesleys Point Bridge.

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