

Section 106 Consulting Parties

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires Federal agencies to consider the effects of their actions on historic properties that are listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. By working closely with the New York State Historic Preservation Office, the FHWA identifies consulting parties to participate in the Section 106 process.

Certain individuals or organizations with a demonstrated interest in the project may qualify for Consulting Party status based on a legal or economic relationship with the project or concern about the project's effects on historic properties.

For those interested in becoming a consulting party, application forms are available at this Scoping Meeting. You may also submit

a written request, which should clearly state your interest and how your participation in the Section 106 process will inform the agency's decision making as related to historic properties that may be affected by the project. Please include your name, current mailing address and other contact information.

Written requests should be submitted by February 28, 2020 to the mailing address provided at the bottom of this page.

If you are approved as a consulting party, you will be invited to attend a meeting to discuss the potential effects that the project may have on historic resources and potential measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects.

YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT!

The NYSDOT and FHWA invite you to participate in and provide comments on the NYS Route 5 (Buffalo Skyway) Project.

Comments received by February 28, 2020 will be considered and included in the Project Scoping Report, which will be posted on the project website (www.buffaloskyway.dot.ny.gov).

HOW TO COMMENT AT TODAY'S MEETING

PRIVATE COMMENTS
Record your comments with a stenographer

COMMENT FORMS
Fill out a comment form available at the registration desk and drop it in the comment box

ELECTRONIC COMMENTS
Submit your comments electronically on tablet or laptop

AFTER TODAY'S MEETING

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NYS Route 5 (Buffalo Skyway) Project

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Erie County

Welcome

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), along with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), thank you for attending this Scoping Meeting for the NYS Route 5 (Buffalo Skyway) Project.

Today's Scoping Meeting Format

Today's meeting is in an Open House format. The stations throughout the room provide a project description, describe the environmental review process, and identify opportunities for public involvement. Members of the project team are available at each station to answer questions, and a pre-recorded video presentation is available for viewing.



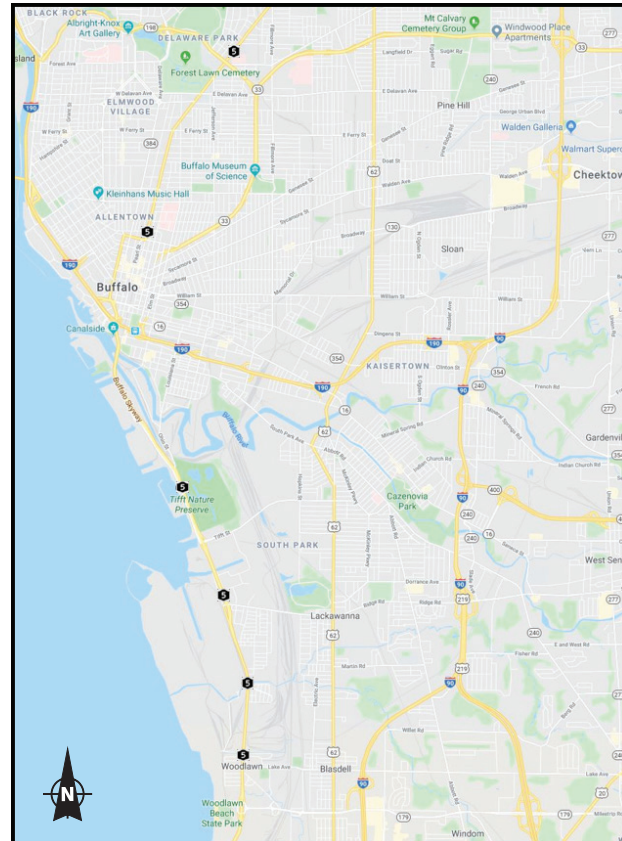
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PROJECT PURPOSE

The purpose of the project is to realign the existing transportation network to support existing and planned recreational, mixed-use, and waterfront development in the Buffalo Outer Harbor and Inner Harbor areas. The project will also address the safety, operational, and capacity deficiencies of the highway connections that serve economic development areas and local communities within South Buffalo.

GENERAL PROJECT STUDY AREA



PROJECT NEEDS

The Buffalo Skyway/NYS Route 5 interchanges, approaches, and infrastructure extend approximately 3.5 miles from Tift Street to Church Street. Over the past few decades, this area has undergone a substantial change in land use with a focus on recreational, mixed-use, and waterfront development. The needs for the project are as follows:

- Remove the Buffalo Skyway structure and elevated approaches between Tift Street and Church Street to accommodate existing and planned recreational, mixed-use, and waterfront development and support waterfront economic development initiatives;
- Improve the transportation network to safely and efficiently accommodate the traffic currently carried by the Buffalo Skyway structure and approaches;
- Address the safety, operational, and capacity deficiencies of the highway connections that serve economic development areas and local communities within South Buffalo;
- Reduce commercial vehicular traffic traveling on local residential streets near the RiverBend site; and
- Improve bicycle and pedestrian connections along the Tift Street Corridor.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

Scoping is an early and open process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed and for identifying the significant issues related to a proposed action. The Scoping Meetings are the first opportunities for the NYSDOT and FHWA to engage the public under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process. The NYSDOT is seeking input and comments from the public and agencies on the issues of concern, potential impacts, and concepts under consideration.

A 30-day public comment period will follow the Scoping Meetings. The FHWA and NYSDOT will consider the comments received and identify the alternatives that will be advanced for further study in the Draft EIS. These alternatives, as well as the comments received and responses to substantive comments, will be documented in a Project Scoping Report.

The Draft EIS will document the potential social, economic, and environmental effects of implementing the project. The Draft EIS will be available for a 45-day public comment period, during which a public hearing will be held. The FHWA and NYSDOT will consider the comments received and identify a selected alternative.

The selected alternative will be documented in the Final EIS and Record of Decision for the project. The Record of Decision will conclude the EIS process.



SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Draft EIS will document the assessment of social, economic, and environmental effects resulting from implementation of the proposed action. Key topics include the following:

- Traffic noise
- Air quality
- Cultural and historic resources
- Parkland and recreational resources
- Visual resources
- Hazardous and contaminated materials
- Surface waters, navigable waters, and wetlands
- Coastal resources
- Land use
- Social considerations, including environmental justice
- Economic considerations, including property acquisition and potential effects to local and/or regional businesses
- Construction effects
- Secondary and cumulative effects