

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SECTION 106 CONSULTATION PROCESS FOR THE TAPPAN ZEE HUDSON RIVER CROSSING PROJECT

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA; 36 CFR § 800) requires Federal agencies to consider the effects of their actions on historic properties that are listed or meet the eligibility criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. This Public Notice is part of Section 106's public involvement component for the Tappan Zee Hudson River Crossing Project, which includes providing the public with information about the project and its effects on historic properties, seeking public comment and input, and a consultation process as described below.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), acting as the federal lead agency, and the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) and the New York State Thruway Authority (NYSTA), acting as the co-sponsoring agencies, are preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Tappan Zee Hudson River Crossing Project. The EIS will identify alternatives for an improved Hudson River crossing and document their potential environmental consequences. The purpose of the project is to maintain a vital link in the regional and national transportation network by providing an improved crossing between Rockland and Westchester Counties, New York. The project would address the structural, operational, mobility, safety, and security needs of the Tappan Zee Hudson River Crossing.

Section 106 of NHPA requires that FHWA, in cooperation with the New York State Historic Preservation Officer (NYSHPO), identify parties to participate in the Section 106 process ("Consulting Parties"). Consulting Parties may include local governments, federally recognized Native American tribes, and individuals and organizations with a demonstrated interest in the project who may participate due to the nature of their legal or economic relation to the undertaking or affected properties, or their concern with the undertaking's effects on historic properties.

If you are interested in becoming a Consulting Party, please write to:

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If you are selected as a Consulting Party, you will be asked to attend meetings throughout the course of the project to discuss the potential effects of the Tappan Zee Hudson River Crossing Project and to consider appropriate measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects on historic and cultural resources.