

**NEW YORK STATE  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

**NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION  
AND  
PUBLIC HEARING**

**APPLICANT**                    NYS Department of Transportation (NYSDOT)  
                                      NYS Thruway Authority (NYSTA)

**APPLICATIONS**            DEC # 3- 9903-00043/00012            Tidal Wetlands Permit  
                                      DEC # 3-9903-00043/00013            Water Quality Certification  
                                      DEC # 3-9903-00043/00014            Incidental Take Permit

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Construction of a new bridge across the Hudson River, consisting of two structures, between Rockland County and Westchester County, to replace the existing Tappan Zee Bridge. The subject applications seek permits for the following components of the Replacement Bridge:

1. Construction of two parallel bridge structures from landings in Rockland County and Westchester County, utilizing one of two proposed design alternatives (Short Span or Long Span); and one of two proposed structural options (Cable-Stayed or Arch) for the span over the Hudson River navigation channel. This work will require the installation of piles, pile caps, and other structures necessary for either option to support the roadway.
2. Dredging approximately 1.9 million cubic yards of sediment over approximately 175 acres of the River to enable water access during construction and demolition. The majority of dredging will take place north of the existing bridge; a small area will be dredged to the south of the existing bridge near the Westchester shoreline.
3. Covering, or "armoring," the dredged area with approximately 400,000 cubic yards of sand and stone to prevent construction vessel prop wash from dislodging the sediment and dispersing it into the water column.
4. Construction of approximately 2.5 acres of permanent pile-supported platforms over the River on the Rockland County shoreline.
5. Demolition and removal of the existing Tappan Zee Bridge.

**PROJECT LOCATION**

The Replacement Bridge will span the Hudson River, just north of the present location of the existing Tappan Zee Bridge, from the Village of Nyack in Rockland County to the Village of Tarrytown in Westchester County.

## **PERMITS**

*Tidal Wetlands permit* pursuant to NYS Environmental Conservation Law Article 25 and its implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 661.

*Water Quality Certification* under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, U.S. Public Law 95-217, and 33 USC 1341; and its NYS implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 608.

*Incidental Take permit* pursuant to NYS Environmental Conservation Law Article 11, and its implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 182.

## **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT**

Pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA, ECL Article 8 and 6 NYCRR Part 617), the project is defined as Type I action. A Draft Environmental Impact Statement has been prepared under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, for which the Federal Highway Administration is the lead agency and NYSDOT and NYSTA are joint lead agencies. In accordance with 6 NYCRR §617.15, the NEPA and SEQRA processes for the Project are being coordinated. The Department of Environmental Conservation may make a permit decision only after the Federal Final EIS has been completed, and the Department has made the findings required by §617.11.

## **TENTATIVE DEPARTMENT POSITION AND DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY**

The Department has reviewed the application materials and determined that they are complete pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 621. It has determined that all statutory and regulatory criteria can be met through the imposition of permit special conditions. A draft permit has been prepared.

The application materials and draft permit may be viewed online at [www.thenewtzb.com](http://www.thenewtzb.com).

These documents may be viewed during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, at the following locations:

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation  
Division of Environmental Permits  
625 Broadway, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Albany, New York

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation  
Division of Environmental Permits  
21 South Putt Corners Road  
New Paltz, NY

The Warner Library  
121 N Broadway  
Tarrytown, NY 10591-3299

The Nyack Library  
59 South Broadway  
Nyack, NY 10960

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

The public is invited to comment on the application at the following hearings:

Monday, August 13, 2012, at 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM  
Tarrytown Marriott, Grand Ballroom  
670 White Plains Road  
Tarrytown, New York

Tuesday, August 14, at 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM  
Nanuet Comfort Inn, Regency Ballroom  
425 East Route 59  
Nanuet, New York

All persons, organizations, corporations, or government agencies that may be affected by the proposed project are invited to attend the hearing and to give oral or written comments specific to the applications. Lengthy comments should be submitted in writing. Equal weight will be given to both oral and written statements. The Administrative Law Judge presiding over the hearing may limit oral statements to five minutes to accommodate as many speakers as possible. The hearing facility is reasonably accessible to the mobility impaired.

### **WRITTEN COMMENTS**

All written comments pertaining to the application and draft permit and must be submitted to the attention of the DEC Contact Person listed below *by August 24, 2012.*

*Comments sent by regular mail must be postmarked no later than August 24, 2012.*

*Comments sent via email or fax must be received by DEC no later than 5 PM (EDT) August 24, 2012.*

All comments on the application will be considered by the Department to determine if they raise substantive and significant issues relating to any findings or determinations required of the Department under the Environmental Conservation Law.

### **DEC CONTACT PERSON**

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