



# FACT SHEET

June 2010

## Bridge and Project History

- Bridge open to traffic in **1955** – currently 140,000 vehicles use it on an average day, with daily volumes as high as 170,000 vehicles.
- In early **2001**, project began to determine how best to address safety and mobility needs on the bridge and along 30-mile I-287 corridor between the villages of Suffern and Port Chester. This is a vital link in the New York—New Jersey—Connecticut section of the Northeast region.
- Comprehensive public outreach effort conducted from the beginning – visit [www.tzbsite.com](http://www.tzbsite.com) for a complete history of public involvement efforts.
- In **2009**, the project team—the New York State Department of Transportation, the New York State Thruway Authority, and Metro-North Railroad—decided that the Tappan Zee Bridge should be replaced and that the corridor should be served by Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and Commuter Rail Transit (CRT).
- Preparation of Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) continues, documenting existing conditions and potential impacts of the project on the physical, economic, and social environment of the corridor.



## Project Goals

- Improve the mobility of people, goods and services for travel markets served by the Tappan Zee Bridge;
- Maximize the flexibility and adaptability of new transportation infrastructure to accommodate changing long-term demand;
- Maintain and preserve vital elements of the transportation infrastructure;
- Improve the safety and security of the transportation system; and
- Avoid, minimize, or mitigate any significant adverse environmental impacts caused by feasible and prudent corridor improvements.



New York State Department of Transportation



New York State Thruway Authority



Metro-North Railroad

## Major Milestones to Date

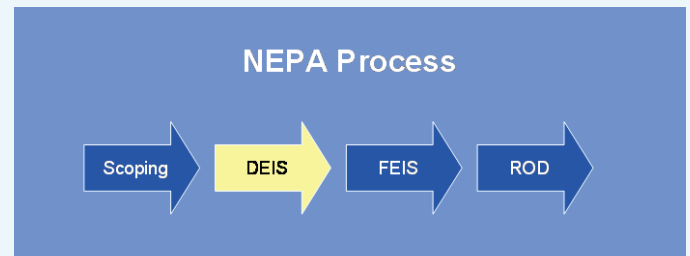
<b>Dec. 2002</b>	Publication of the Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Federal Register
<b>Jan. 2003</b>	Project Scoping
<b>2003-2005</b>	Refinement of Alternatives
<b>Jan. 2006</b>	Publication of Alternatives Analysis Report
<b>Feb. 2008</b>	Publication of Revised NOI in Federal Register; Scoping Update Process Begins
<b>May 2009</b>	Publication of Scoping Summary Report; End of Scoping Process
<b>June 2009</b>	Bridge Replacement and Transit Mode Selection (BRT/CRT) Decisions
<b>Aug. 2009- Feb. 2010</b>	Municipal, Community, Bike/Pedestrian Panel, and Environmental Justice Working Meetings
<b>June 2010</b>	Public Open Houses

Since the beginning of the Project, the team has worked continuously on its technical analyses and public outreach. It has engaged the Project's many stakeholders extensively to assure that the public is not only involved but that stakeholders are

participating in the process at the highest levels of contribution. The project team has hosted or otherwise taken part in hundreds of outreach meetings, including large public meetings and smaller meetings with elected officials, municipal representatives, individual members of the public, and key stakeholders, including the Westchester Rockland Tappan Zee Futures Task Force, Stakeholder Committee, the Inter-Metropolitan Planning Organization (IMPO), and Stakeholder Advisory Working Groups.

## Environmental Review Process

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is the result of a process that examines the environmental impact of proposed actions. This EIS is being prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). Both are designed to keep the public and government fully informed about the alternatives and impacts



## Next Steps (Anticipated 2011)

- Publication of Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)
- DEIS Public Hearings
- Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)
- Record of Decision (ROD)

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Tarrytown, NY 10591  
(914) 358-0612  
*Open Monday-Friday, from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.*

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Nyack, NY 10960  
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