

# Tappan Zee Bridge/I-287 Environmental Review

## Fact Sheet



### 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.



### Bridge History

- Bridge open to traffic in 1955
- Total length of bridge: 16,013 feet, or a little more than 3 miles
- Now part of a 30-mile I-287 corridor between the towns of Suffern in Rockland County and Port Chester in Westchester County
- An average of 140,000 motorists use the bridge daily, with up to 170,000 at peak times
- Additional southbound lane and permanent barrier added in 1987
- In 1992, a reversible lane was completed to accommodate traffic in the peak direction.

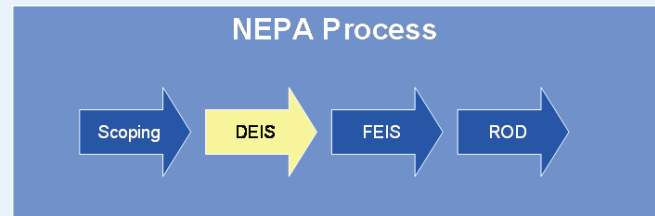
## Major Milestones To Date

<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>Jan. 2006</b>	Publication of Revised NOI in Federal Register; Scoping Update Process Begins
<b>Feb. 2008</b>	

Throughout the duration of the project, the project team has worked continuously on the technical analysis for the project and in engaging the public to participate in the process. The project team has hosted or otherwise taken part in hundreds of public meetings. The team has met on several occasions and will continue to meet with the Tappan Zee Task Force, Stakeholder Committee, the Inter-Metropolitan Planning Organization (IMPO), and Stakeholder Advisory Working Groups, among others.

## Environmental Review Process

An EIS, or Environmental Impact Statement, 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 impacts and alternatives associated with a proposed action.



## Next Steps

- Recommendation on Bridge Rehabilitation or Replacement
- Recommendation on Transit Mode Selection
- Publication of Scoping Summary Report
- Publication of Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)
- DEIS Public Hearings
- Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)
- Record of Decision (ROD)

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