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## **Project Updates**

## Where we are in the project

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), as federal lead agency, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), as joint lead agency, and the New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT), as project sponsor and joint lead agency, are preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Shore Road Bridge over Hutchinson River Project located in the Bronx, New York. The project is classified as a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Class I action and a City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) Type 1 action.

NEPA requires federal agencies to conduct an EIS for major actions that could have significant impacts on the environment. Under NEPA, 'environment' includes the natural and physical environment (such as air, water, geography, geology) as well as people's relationship with the environment (such as health, safety, jobs, schools, housing, and aesthetics). An ElS looks at both short-lerm and long-term effects and considers possible measures to reduce or mitigate those effects.

## Below are recent project updates:

- The CEQR Draft Scope of Work was issued on May 26, 2021. The comment period ran through Monday, August 16, 2021.
  The NEPA Notice of Intent (NOI) and NOI Report was issued on July 12, 2021. You can provide comments here.
- Two Virtual Public Scoping Meetings were held on August 3, 2021. Learn more here and get involved!
  Interested in the Section 106 process and becoming a Section 106 Consulting Party? Learn more here.
  The Project Scoping Report is now available. Read it here.

## About the NEPA EIS process

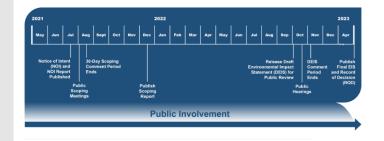
An EIS is prepared in a series of steps:

- gathering government and public comments to define the issues that should be analyzed in the EIS (a process known as "scoping")
  preparing the Draft EIS
  receiving and responding to public comments on the Draft EIS; and
  preparing the Final EIS

Decisions are not made in an EIS; rather, the EIS analysis is one of several factors decisionmakers consider. The decision is announced in the Record of Decision (ROD) after the final EIS has been published. Learn more here.







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