

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND DRAFT SECTION 4(f) EVALUATION

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION NO. 5470.22

NEW YORK STATE ROUTE 198 (SCAJAQUADA EXPRESSWAY) CORRIDOR PROJECT (ERIE COUNTY, NEW YORK)

The project is located along a 2.2-mile segment of NYS Route 198 (Scajaquada Expressway) in the City of Buffalo, Erie County, New York. The purpose of the project is to provide geometric and operational improvements to NYS Route 198 in its current location from the Grant Street interchange to the Parkside Avenue intersection, including the segment through Delaware Park. These improvements would be made while maintaining local connectivity and a critical transportation link between Interstate 190 and NYS Route 33 while providing enhanced compatibility with adjacent land uses. The project is needed to address existing deficiencies along NYS Route 198 related to context and connectivity, operations and geometry, and infrastructure.

A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation (per Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966) have been prepared for the project. The DEIS assesses the project's effect on the quality of the human environment in accordance with the provisions of Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 P.L. 91-190 (NEPA). The DEIS also addresses requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and a proposed conversion of approximately two acres of land in Delaware Park in accordance with Section 6(f)(3) of the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Act.

Copies of the DEIS are available for review and copying during business hours at the offices of:

- Regional Director, New York State Department of Transportation, 100 Seneca Street, Buffalo, NY 14203;
- Office of the Commissioner, New York State Department of Transportation, 50 Wolf Road, Albany, NY 12232;
- Office of City Clerk, City of Buffalo, 1308 City Hall, Buffalo, NY 14202; and
- Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, Downtown Location, 1 Lafayette Square, Buffalo, NY 14203.

Compact disks containing the DEIS are also available at the following locations:

- E.H. Butler Library, Buffalo State College, 1300 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14222;
- Medaille Buffalo Campus Library, 18 Agassiz Circle, Buffalo, NY 14214; and
- Andrew L. Bouwhuis Library, Canisius College, 2001 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14208.

The DEIS is also available on the project website: www.dot.ny.gov/scajaquadacorridor.

Comments on the DEIS should be sent to: Craig Mozrall, P.E., Regional Special Projects Manager, New York State Department of Transportation, 100 Seneca Street, Buffalo, NY 14203; or Peter Osborn, FHWA Division Administrator, Leo W. O'Brien Federal Building, 11A

Clinton Avenue, Suite 719, Albany, NY 12207; or submitted by email to scajaquadacorridor@dot.ny.gov.

The deadline for submitting comments on the DEIS is January 25, 2017.