

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

for

Cross Harbor Freight Program

Multiple Counties, New York and New Jersey

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New York State Department of Transportation (Regions 10 and 11)

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New York City Department of City Planning

New York City Department of Transportation

This Tier I Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) broadly examines the potential transportation and environmental effects from a broad range of alternatives for the Cross Harbor Freight Movement Program. The primary purpose of the project is to improve the movement of goods in the greater New York/New Jersey region by enhancing the transportation of freight across New York Harbor. The goal of the Tier I study is to select the alternative(s) for further study and potential implementation, with a focus on freight transportation mode(s), alignment, logical termini, and regional effects. The potential environmental effects are identified and evaluated to the extent feasible without detailed engineering design and operational plans. The FEIS also identifies geographic and technical areas where further study would be needed to assess environmental effects and/or mitigate potential significant adverse impacts. Public comments and input on the Tier I Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) were considered in selecting the Preferred Alternatives identified in this document and recommended for advancement.

This Tier I FEIS is available for public review until October 26, 2015, after which time a Record of Decision (ROD) will be issued. Comments on this FEIS can be submitted in multiple ways:

- Mailed to:
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The ROD will address any new or substantive comments made during the public review period.

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