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**Abstract:** The proposed project involves the evaluation of alternatives for the rehabilitation or replacement of the historic General Sullivan Bridge (GSB), which spans the navigational channel of Little Bay in Newington, Strafford County, New Hampshire and Dover, Rockingham County, New Hampshire. Options for the GSB were previously reviewed in a 2007 Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and a 2008 Record of Decision (ROD) which were produced by NHDOT and the FHWA under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The purpose of this project is to provide recreational access and connectivity between Newington and Dover, across Little Bay, for pedestrian and non-motorized use.

This DSEIS serves as a supplement to the 2007 FEIS. This DSEIS considers changes to the rehabilitation of the GSB, including an updated reasonable range of alternatives, as well as consideration of environmental impacts that were not previously evaluated in the original 2007 FEIS. FHWA has identified a Preferred Alternative based on this DSEIS and input from federal and state agencies; state, town, and local officials; and the public. NHDOT and FHWA may complete the NEPA environmental review process by issuing a single document that consists of the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) and Supplemental Record of Decision (SROD) pursuant to 49 USC 304a(b) [and 23 USC 139(n)(2)] unless FHWA determines that statutory criteria or practicability considerations preclude issuance of such a combined document.

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## Acronyms

AASHTO	American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials	MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
ACS	American Community Survey	NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act	NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
AGQS	Ambient Groundwater Quality Standards	NLEB	Northern Long-eared bat
APE	Area of Potential Effect	NHDES	NH Department of Environmental Services
ATF	Advisory Task Force	NHDHR	NH Division of Historical Resources
BMPs	Best Management Practices	NHDOT	NH Department of Transportation
CEQ	Council on Environmental Quality	NHF&GD	NH Fish & Game Department
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations	NHNHB	NH Natural Heritage Bureau
DEIS	Draft Environmental Impact Statement	NHPA	National Historic Preservation Act of 1966
EFH	Essential Fish Habitat	NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
EJ	Environmental Justice	OHM	Oil and/or hazardous materials
EO	Executive Order	OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
EPA	US Environmental Protection Agency	PFOA	Perfluorooctanoic acid
ESA	Endangered Species Act	PFOS	Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid
FEIS	Final Environmental Impact Statement	ROD	Record of Decision
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency	RSA	Revised Statutes Annotated
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration	SEIS	Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement
FIRM	Flood Insurance Rate Map	SHPO	State Historic Preservation Officer
FIS	Flood Insurance Study	SMP	Soil and/or Sediment Management Plan
GMZ	Groundwater Management Zone	SROD	Supplemental Record of Decision
GSB	General Sullivan Bridge	TBZ	Tidal buffer zone
HOTL	Highest Observable Tide Line	TSL	Type Span and Location
IPaC	Information for Planning and Consultation	UNH	University of New Hampshire
LBB	Little Bay Bridge	USCG	US Coast Guard
LEP	Limited English Proficiency	USDOT	US Department of Transportation
LRS	Limited Reuse Soils	USFWS	US Fish & Wildlife Service
LWCF	Land and Water Conservation Fund	TBZ	Tidal buffer zone