

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/SUPPLEMENTAL RECORD OF DECISION
FHWA-NH-EIS-06-01-FS
NHS-027-1(37), 11238
GENERAL SULLIVAN BRIDGE
NEWINGTON-DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE



Summary:

The NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT) is issuing this notice to advise the public that on February 17, 2022, the US Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), New Hampshire Division, approved a combined Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS)/Supplemental Record of Decision (SROD) for the proposed replacement of the General Sullivan Bridge (GSB) in the Town of Newington, Rockingham County, New Hampshire and the City of Dover, Strafford County, New Hampshire (NHDOT #11238). The combined FSEIS/SROD was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and the NHDOT's guidelines for environmental documents. FHWA was thoroughly involved in the development of the 2021 DSEIS and this 2022 FSEIS/SROD, and participated in the interagency meetings for this Project, as well as public informational meetings and the May 13, 2021 Public Hearing. FHWA's approval represents design concept approval and environmental clearance for this project in accordance with 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. The Selected Alternative will involve replacement of the historic GSB, which spans the navigational channel of Little Bay between Newington and Dover. The replacement bridge (identified as "Alternative 9" in the FSEIS/SROD) involves the complete removal and replacement of the GSB superstructure with a new steel bridge following the existing GSB alignment, thereby allowing the reuse of the existing GSB stone masonry piers.

In accordance with NEPA, NHDOT and FHWA invited members of the public to provide comments on the 2021 DSEIS, and on May 13, 2021, NHDOT and FHWA held a Public Hearing to present the findings of the 2021 DSEIS. FHWA and NHDOT evaluated and considered all feedback throughout this process. The Selected Alternative was the subject of NHDOT's May 13, 2021 Public Hearing and 2021 DSEIS, and will be the subject of required federal and state permit applications, approvals, or certifications.

The FSEIS/SROD can be accessed and downloaded from the project website, http://www.newington-dover.com/gsb_subsite/index.html or can be viewed as a hard copy document at the Dover Public Library, the Dover City Hall, the Langdon Public Library, or the Newington Town Hall.

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