

**New York Division** 

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Subject: PIN 5761.90 - FONSI (Finding of No Significant Impact)

Niagara Gorge Corridor Robert Moses Parkway Removal

City of Niagara Falls, Niagara County

Dear Mr. Mozrall:

We reviewed the November 2016 Final Design Report/Environmental Assessment (FDR/EA) submitted on February 14 with your request for our review and approval. This document has been developed in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and a 30 day opportunity for public comment and review was provided. Agency and public concerns have been properly considered in the development of this project, and all comments have been resolved.

The project is in compliance with Land and Water Conservation Fund Section 6(f) requirements.

Based on our review of the project documents, we conclude at this time that the subject project will have "no significant impact" on the human environment. Per 23 CFR 771.121, a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been made by the FHWA. An approved copy of the FONSI is enclosed. A *Notice of Availability* may now be published.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (518) 431-8896.

Sincerely,

Hans Anker, P.E. Senior Area Engineer

Enclosure

cc: M. Ricard, Design Quality Assurance Bureau, NYSDOT Main Office K. Lorenz, NYSDOT Region 5

## Finding of No Significant Impact

For

NIAGARA GORGE CORRIDOR ROBERT MOSES PARKWAY REMOVAL PROJECT - MAIN STREET TO FINDLAY DRIVE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NIAGARA COUNTY

City of Niagara Falls, Niagara County

New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

Project Identification Number 5761.90 (formerly 5757.91)

## Finding of No Significant Impact

This project has been thoroughly reviewed by the Federal Highway Administration and it has been determined by the undersigned that this project (Alternative 6 – Removal of the Robert Moses Parkway) will not have a significant effect on the human environment.

This Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is based on the attached applicant prepared Final Design Report/Environmental Assessment, which has been independently evaluated by the Federal Highway Administration and determined to have adequately and accurately discussed the environmental issues and impacts of the proposed project and provides sufficient evidence and analysis for determining that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. The Federal Highway Administration takes full responsibility for the accuracy, scope and content of the respective Environmental Assessment.

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District Engineer

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