

NOTICE OF DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING
NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
PROJECT IDENTIFICATION NO. 5760.40

In accordance with the provisions of Title 23, U.S. Code 128 and Title 40, of Federal Regulations, Parts 1500 and 1508, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (NYSOPRHP) will conduct a design public hearing for the proposed improvement project on the American Falls Bridges located in Niagara Falls State Park in the City of Niagara Falls, Niagara County. The project is primarily a bridge rehabilitation/replacement project, including ancillary approach work.

The public hearing will be held in an open forum format in the Grand Foyer and Grand Ballroom at the Conference Center Niagara Falls, 101 Old Falls Street, Niagara Falls NY 14303 on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. The open forum hearing will consist of an information session from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and a formal meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The information session will have displays and information stations staffed with NYSOPRHP representatives familiar with the various aspects of the proposed project. During the information session, NYSOPRHP representatives will be available to answer questions and discuss the proposed project and its environmental, economic and social effects. Written and oral comments pertaining to the project will be accepted as a part of the official record during the information session. The formal meeting will include a comment period to provide a forum for comments to be made and heard in public. The proceedings of the formal meeting will be recorded.

A Design Approval Document has been prepared which assesses the project's effect on the quality of the human environment. Copies will be made available for review and copying beginning December 28, 2015 for review and copying at the City of Niagara Falls Clerk's Office, 725 Main Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14301, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, 1 Prospect Park, Niagara Falls NY 14303 and the Niagara Falls Public Library, 1425 Main Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14305.

Maps, drawings and other pertinent information developed by the State will be available for public inspection and copying at the Office of the Director, Western District, Niagara Region, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, 1 Prospect Park, Niagara Falls NY 14303

All interested persons will be given the opportunity to express their views concerning the economic and social effects of the project, the impact on the environment and the consistency with the goals and objectives of such planning as has been promulgated by the community. The proceedings will be recorded. Persons may file written statements and other exhibits in place of, or in addition to, oral statements made at the public hearing. Written statements submitted at the hearing, or mailed and received before February 10, 2015 at the Regional Director's Office, will be made part of the record.

Please advise this office by January 20, 2016 if a sign language interpreter, assistive listening system, or any other accommodation will be required to facilitate your participation in this public hearing. Our contact person is Mr. Cameron Schulz, Senior Design Engineer, at (716) 847-3016.

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