



# Niagara Gorge Corridor

Robert Moses Parkway Removal Project  
Main Street to Findlay Drive

## Public Information Meeting

September 15, 2015  
4:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Niagara Falls Conference Center  
101 Falls Street  
Niagara Falls, NY 14303

A presentation on the project will be given at 6:00 PM with a question and answer session to follow. Before and after the presentation, the public may review the proposed build alternative designs, ask questions, and provide input to project designers and agency representatives.



## Contact Us

Comments on this project will be accepted through  
**September 30, 2015.**

### Mail comments to:

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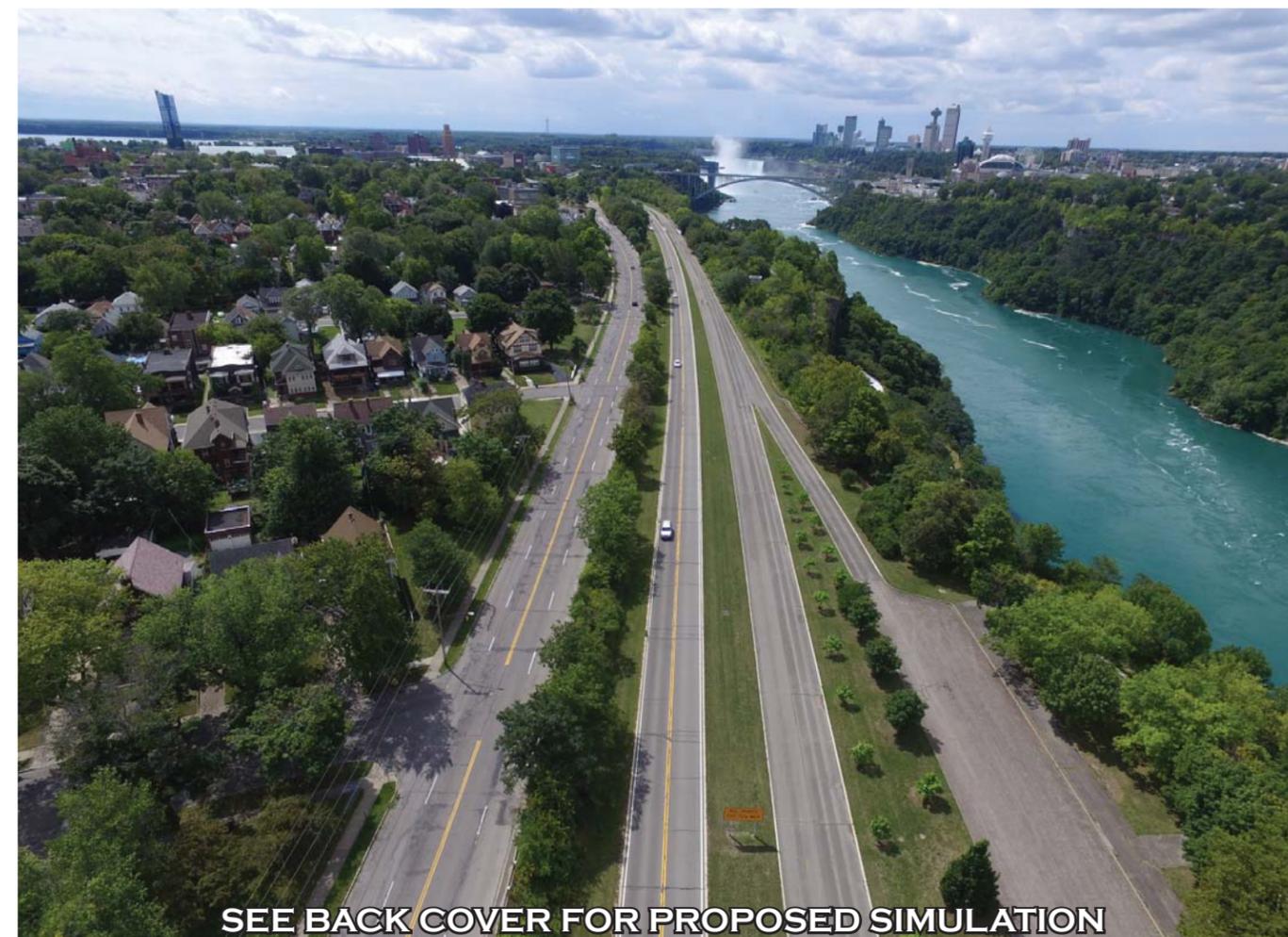
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### PROJECT PARTNERS:

NYS Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation  
USA Niagara Development Corporation  
Federal Highway Administration

NYS Department of Transportation  
New York Power Authority  
City of Niagara Falls



SEE BACK COVER FOR PROPOSED SIMULATION

## MEETING PURPOSE

The purpose of today's meeting is to give you an update on status of the project and to gain additional input from the public as progress continues.

Feedback is being sought on the advances made on the project designs and on any environmental, social or economic issues that need to be considered, which have not been previously mentioned or noted by the public.

### MEETING FORMAT

Displays of the current Feasible Build Alternative are available for viewing within the lobby beginning at 4:00 PM. Project staff will be available to answer your questions and to receive your thoughts on the design.

Environmental stations have also been set up within the lobby to provide information on the studies being conducted and to receive any comments on the environmental, social or economic issues that are of a special concern to you.

A formal presentation on the status of the project will begin at 6:00 PM in the Meeting Room followed by an open question and answer period.

Comment sheets are available for written comments which can be handed in during the meeting or mailed to the address on the back of this handout. Comments are also welcome via email.

### WORK CONTINUES

Since our meeting last February, progress has been made on:

- Meeting with various stakeholder and neighborhood groups
- Refining and adding more detail to the proposed plans
- Conducting additional traffic counts, analysis and simulations
- Estimating the construction cost for the project.

## FEASIBLE BUILD ALTERNATIVE

The current design of the Feasible Build Alternative has been developed based on the concepts presented at the February Public Meeting and from comments received as a result of that meeting. Modifications have also been included based on subsequent meetings with project stakeholders, and neighborhood groups that live adjacent to the project. The goal of the design is to construct a project that will best meet the project objectives.

The design of the project is still in progress and has not been finalized. Your input today will be very helpful in creating the modification needed to make this project the best it can be.

## PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

### 1. Improve Access and Transportation

- Remove barriers that impede access between the Niagara Gorge Corridor (NGC) and adjacent business / residential districts.
- Provide an attractive multimodal trail.
- Link parks, communities, and attractions adjoining the NGC.
- Remove miscellaneous temporary appurtenances (cones, barrels, etc.) on the current RMP along with any surplus pavement.

### 2. Promote and Conserve the Ecology and Environment of the NGC

- Reduce environmental impacts of transportation related activities.
- Utilize areas of pavement removal to help restore (expand) natural habitat.
- Promote eco-tourism and heritage-tourism.
- Provide additional areas for enjoyment of the NGC's natural and scenic beauty.
- Protect existing areas of natural habitat and restore new areas to a native plant based landscape.

### 3. Support Local Economic Vitality

- Encourage visitor migration into local business districts.
- Create an atmosphere that encourages visitors to remain in the NGC region longer.
- Reduce the current RMP's function as a bypass route while maintaining an attractive scenic link between communities.
- Link a multimodal trail with the adjacent communities.
- Provide effective wayfinding information.

### 4. Minimize Impacts to Adjacent Neighborhoods

- Promote vehicle travel patterns that minimize traffic impacts in residential areas.
- Improve the fringe areas between the parkland and adjacent residential properties.

### 5. Support NR Greenway Plan

- Increase access to and connections between the Niagara River region's many resources.
- Celebrate and interpret our unique natural, cultural, recreational, scenic and heritage resources in the NGC area and provide access to and connections between these important resources while giving rise to economic opportunities for the region.

## TIMELINE

EA = Environmental Assessment

DR = Design Report

FONSI = Finding of No Significant Impact

Target Date – Dependent on other factors

