

*Determination:* Approved in part. The PFC approved amount has been reduced from the amount requested to reflect a revised project cost estimate received from the Duluth Airport Authority.

*Decision Date:* September 30, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gordon Nelson, Minneapolis Airports District Office, (612) 725-4358.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on October 4, 1996.

Sheryl Scarborough,

*Acting Manager, Passenger Facility Charge Branch.*

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## Federal Highway Administration

### Environmental Impact Statement: Broome County, New York

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), New York State Department of Transportation (NYDOT).

**ACTION:** Retract notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), Susquehanna River Crossing.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an EIS will not be prepared for a proposed bridge that crosses the Susquehanna River connecting Route 17C with Route 17 and Route 434 in eastern Tioga/western Broome Counties, New York as advertised in the Federal Register.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Harold J. Brown, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, New York Division, Leo W. O'Brien Federal Building, 9th Floor, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12207, Telephone: (518) 431-4127; or Richard R. Church, Regional Director, New York State Department of Transportation, Binghamton State Office Building, 44 Hawley Street, Binghamton, New York 13901-3200, Telephone (607) 721-8116.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the NYSDOT, has determined that an EIS will not be prepared for the proposal to construct a bridge and associated approach roadway and interchange ramps for a new crossing of the Susquehanna River. The NYSDOT evaluated four corridors connecting NYS Route 17C with NYS Route 17 and NYS Route 17 and 434 located between Hiawatha Boulevard in the town of Owego, Tioga County and NYS Route 26 in the town of Vestal and village of Endicott, Broome County. NYSDOT

initiated the preparation of a Draft EIS. A public hearing was held in July 1996 to present the project information to the public and solicit comments.

Upon reevaluation of the project alternatives with regard to goals, economics, environmental impacts and public input, it was determined that Alternative "A" has a project objective different from the other alternatives and will be pursued independently. This corridor spans the Susquehanna River at the Route 17 (Exit 66) interchange connecting the hamlets of Apalachin/Campville in the town of Owego, Tioga County. The existing bridges span Route 17 carrying the Exit 66 on and off ramps. They are identified as BINs 1054771 and 1054772. This alternative meets the requirements for a Categorical Exclusion with FHWA concurrence. A Final Design Report will be prepared that evaluates two locations for Alternative "A" crossing and the no action alternative.

The benefits with Alternative "A" include the potential for increased economic development, increased access between Routes 17C, 434 and 17 in the project area, and improved delivery of public services in the town of Owego which is split by the Susquehanna River.

The environmental impacts associated with Alternative "A" are minor and include: noise impacts at nine locations, disturbance of approximately a 0.3 acre wetland and/or stream in the project area, and a 3% increase in energy consumption.

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Harold J. Brown,

*Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Albany, New York.*

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## Maritime Administration

### Maritime Security Program; Request For Applications for FY 1997

**SUMMARY:** This notice solicits applications from eligible candidates for possible participation in the Maritime Security Program (MSP) pursuant to the Maritime Security Act of 1996 (MSA).

**DATES:** The MSA requires applications be received no later than November 7, 1996. However, to expedite processing of applications, all applicants are encouraged to submit their applications within 15 days of the date of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Raymond R. Barberesi, Director, Office of Sealift Support. Telephone 202-366-2323.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### Overview

The MSA establishes a new 10-year MSP commencing in Fiscal Year 1996. The MSP will support the operation of U.S.-flag vessels in the foreign commerce of the United States through assistance payments. Participating vessel operators are required to make their ships and other commercial transportation resources available upon request of Secretary of Defense during times of war or national emergency.

**ADDRESSES:** To be considered, applications must be mailed, delivered in person or telefaxed (in which case an original must subsequently be received within the statutory 30-day period) to the Secretary, Maritime Administration, Room 7210, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh St., S.W., Washington, DC 20590. Telefax number (202) 366-9206. Applicants wishing MARAD to acknowledge receipt should enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope or postcard.

### Application Procedure

Applicants must submit:

- (1) An "Application For Participation Under Section 651, Subtitle B, Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as Amended", and,
- (2) An audited financial statement or a Form MA-172 as described at 46 CFR Part 232.

These forms have been approved by OMB, number 2133-0525 and number 2133-0005, respectively, and are available from the Office of Sealift Support, MAR-630, Room 7300, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590. Applicants must submit one original, signed by a person authorized to receive funds for the applicant, and one copy (double-sided copies are encouraged).

By Order of the Maritime Administrator:

Dated: October 8, 1996.

Joel C. Richard,

*Secretary.*

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## Research and Special Programs Administration

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### Applicability of the Hazardous Materials Regulations to Loading, Unloading and Storage

**AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.