

Section 106 Consulting Parties

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires Federal agencies to consider the effects of their actions on historic properties that are listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. By working closely with the New York State Historic Preservation Office, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) identifies consulting parties to participate in the Section 106 process.

Certain individuals or organizations with a demonstrated interest in the project may qualify for Consulting Party status based on a legal or economic relationship with the project or concern about the project's effects on historic properties.

For those interested in becoming a consulting party, application forms are available at this Scoping Meeting. You may also submit

a written request, which should clearly state your interest and how your participation in the Section 106 process will inform the agency's decision making as related to historic properties that may be affected by the project. Please include your name, current mailing address and other contact information.

Written requests should be submitted by July 29, 2022 to the mailing address provided at the bottom of this page.

If you are approved as a consulting party, you will be invited to attend a meeting to discuss the potential effects that the project may have on historic resources and potential measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects.

YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT!

The NYSDOT invites you to participate in and provide comments on the NYS Route 33, Kensington Expressway Project.

Public scoping comments will be accepted through July 29, 2022. The NYSDOT will consider all comments received, and respond to substantive comments in the Project Scoping Report, which will be posted on the project website (kensingtonexpressway.dot.ny.gov).

HOW TO COMMENT

AT TODAY'S MEETING



PRIVATE COMMENTS

Record your comments with a stenographer



COMMENT FORMS

Fill out a comment form available at the registration desk and drop it in the comment box



ELECTRONIC COMMENTS

Submit your comments electronically on tablet or laptop

AFTER TODAY'S MEETING



BY E-MAIL

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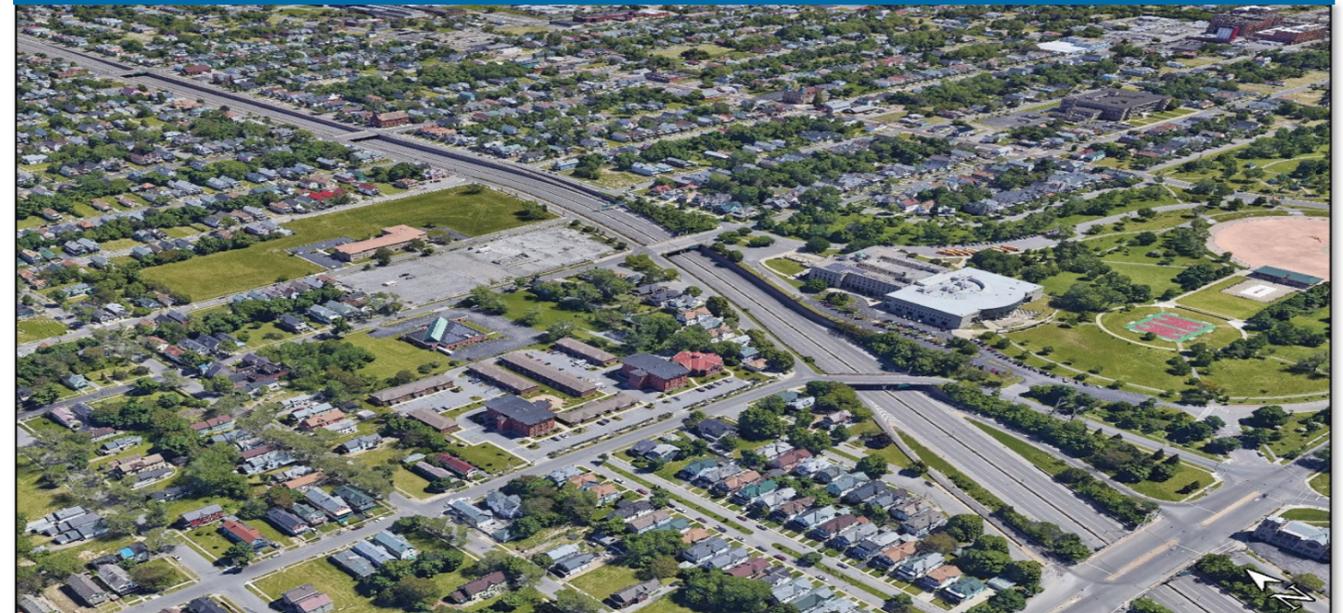


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NYS Route 33 Kensington Expressway Project

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Erie County, NY

Welcome

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) thanks you for attending this Scoping Meeting for the NYS Route 33, Kensington Expressway Project.

Today's Scoping Meeting Format

Today's meeting is in an Open House format. The stations throughout this room present the project and identify opportunities for public involvement. Members of the project team are available at each station to answer questions, and a pre-recorded video presentation is available for viewing. Spanish and sign language interpreters are available. All current COVID-19-related policies are being adhered to.



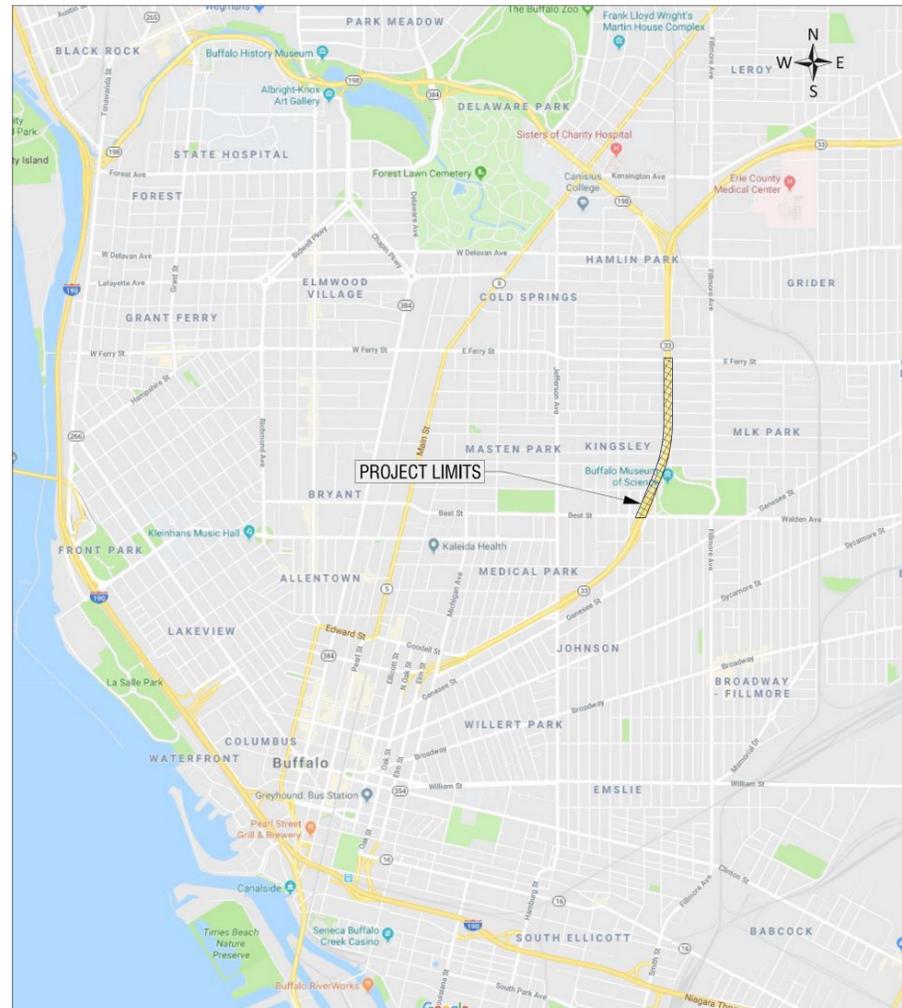
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PROJECT PURPOSE

The purpose of the Project is to reconnect the community surrounding the defined transportation corridor and improve the compatibility of the corridor with the adjacent land uses, while addressing the geometric, infrastructure, and multi-modal needs within the corridor in its current location. The transportation corridor is defined as NYS Route 33, Kensington Expressway between Best Street and East Ferry Street, including Humboldt Parkway within these project limits.

GENERAL PROJECT AREA



PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The following objectives have been established to further refine the project purpose:

- Reconnect the surrounding community by creating continuous greenspace to enhance the visual and aesthetic environment of the transportation corridor.
- Maintain the vehicular capacity of the existing transportation corridor.
- Improve vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle mobility and access in the surrounding community by implementing Complete Street roadway design features.
- Address identified geometric and infrastructure deficiencies within the transportation corridor.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

Scoping is an early and open process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed related to a proposed action. The Scoping Meeting provides an early opportunity for the NYSDOT to engage the public and solicit feedback on the Project. The NYSDOT is seeking input and comments from the public and agencies on issues of concern, potential effects, and concepts under consideration.

A 30-day public comment period will follow the Scoping Meeting. The NYSDOT will consider all comments received and identify the concepts to be advanced for further study in the environmental review process. These concepts, as well as the comments received and responses to substantive comments, will be documented in a Project Scoping Report.

During the environmental review process, the NYSDOT will assess and document the potential social, economic and environmental effects of implementing the Project. This process will include opportunities for public involvement, including a public hearing.

DRAFT SCHEDULE

Summer 2022	Project Scoping Report Published
Early 2023	Draft Environmental Document
Spring 2023	Interagency Review
Summer 2023	Notice of Availability of Environmental Document
Fall 2023	Public Hearing
Early 2024	Environmental Determination

SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

Key topics to be assessed for the Project include the following:

- Traffic noise
- Air quality/Greenhouse gases
- Cultural and historic resources
- Parkland and recreational resources
- Visual resources
- Hazardous waste and contaminated materials
- Land use
- Social considerations, including environmental justice
- Economic considerations, including property acquisition and potential effects to local and/or regional businesses
- Construction effects
- Secondary and cumulative effects