

**ROAD PRESERVATION LOCAL LAW  
GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**DRAFT SCOPE**

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**Co-Lead Agencies:  
Towns of Tusten, Cohocton, Bethel, Callicoon, Delaware, Highland, Lumberland &  
Rockland,  
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## **INTRODUCTION**

This Draft Scoping Document has been prepared pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQR"), Article 8 of the New York Environmental Conservation Law and its implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617. It identifies and outlines the issues to be further studied and analyzed in a Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement ("DGEIS") for the proposed adoption and implementation of a Road Preservation Local Law in the Towns of Tusten, Cohecton, Bethel, Callicoon, Delaware, Highland, Lumberland & Rockland, Sullivan County, New York. The proposal is being formulated by the Multi-Municipal Task Force ("MMTF"), being composed of the Towns of Tusten, Cohecton, Bethel, Callicoon, Delaware, Highland, Lumberland & Rockland, Sullivan County, New York. The procedures for preparation and review of the DGEIS will follow the SEQR regulations in 6 NYCRR 617.9, 617.10 and 617.12.

The proposal was originally presented to the MMTF member Towns in 2009 and again in May and June of 2010. The proposal has been classified as an Unlisted Action pursuant to the SEQR regulations. The MMTF member Towns assumed SEQRA "Lead Agency" status for the coordinated environmental review of the proposed action and issued a positive declaration, determining that a DGEIS should be prepared in accordance with SEQRA section 617.7.

This draft scope will be presented to the MMTF member Towns in June and July 2010. Pursuant to section 617.8 of the SEQR regulations, the scope of the DGEIS shall be limited to issues identified herein.

## **SCOPING OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Scoping of the DGEIS will be conducted. The MMTF has submitted this Draft Scoping Document for review by Involved and Interested agencies and the public. This Document will be forwarded to all Involved and Interested agencies and there will be publication of a "Notice of Project Scoping" in the Sullivan County Democrat, The River Reporter and Environmental Notice Bulletin. The Draft Supplemental Scoping Document will also be available for public review at each of the MMTF member Town Halls. Written comments will be accepted by the MMTF member Towns until the close of business on July 21, 2010. Following the public participation process, the MMTF member Towns will prepare and distribute a Final Scoping Document.

## **DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION**

The MMTF is developing and will propose to each of its member Towns the adoption and implementation of a road preservation local law and permitting program. The local law and permitting program are being developed by the MMTF and its technical consultants using an Equivalent Single Axle Load ("ESAL") methodology to prospectively assess roadway damage against users that will materially diminish the useful life of roads maintained by the MMTF's members within their respective jurisdictional boundaries. The ESAL methodology

includes application of American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials ("AASHTO") standards.

## **PROJECT LOCATION**

Towns of Tusten, Cohecton, Bethel, Callicoon, Delaware, Highland, Lumberland & Rockland, Sullivan County, New York.

## **GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE DGEIS**

The DGEIS is intended to assess potential adverse impacts which may arise from adoption or implementation of the Road Preservation Local Law. Where the MMTF concludes that potential impacts are avoided, reduced or mitigated, the DGEIS shall contain a clear elaboration to support such a conclusion.

## **DGEIS SCOPE AND CONTENT**

### **1.0. Executive Summary**

### **2.0. Description of Action, Impacts and Mitigation**

- 2.1. Description of the Action
  - 2.1-a. Purpose of Proposal
  - 2.1-b. Methodology Deployed to Assess Current Roadway Conditions
  - 2.1-c. Description of Equivalent Single Axle Load / AASHTO Standard Methodology
  - 2.1-d. Description of Proposed Framework of Road Preservation Local Law
- 2.2. Potential Significant Impacts.
- 2.3. Mitigation Measures.
- 2.4. Alternatives Considered.

### **3.0. Potential Environmental Impacts and Mitigation**

- 3.1. Impacts to Land - Roadway Improvement, Construction and Reconstruction Impacts.
  - 3.1-a. Comparison of temporal impacts from improvements with and w/out use.
  - 3.1-b. Road widening, curvature improvements, clearing, grading and culvert improvements.
  - 3.1-c. Mitigation.
- 3.2. Noise Impacts
  - 3.2-a. Improvement, construction and reconstruction activity along “haul routes.”
  - 3.2-b. Vehicle noise concentrated along “haul routes.”
  - 3.2-c. Mitigation.
- 3.3. Air Quality Impacts
  - 3.3-a. Improvement, construction and reconstruction activity:
    - 3.3-a-1. Emissions.
    - 3.3-a-2. Fugitive Dust.
  - 3.3-b. Use of “haul routes.”
    - 3.3-b-1. Emissions.
    - 3.3-b-2. Fugitive Dust.
  - 3.3-c. Mitigation
- 3.4. Transportation Impacts
  - 3.4-a. Level of Service analysis.
  - 3.4-b. Sight and stopping distance and other safety considerations.
  - 3.4-c. Construction phase impacts.
  - 3.4-d. Mitigation.

- 3.5. Community Character
  - 3.5-a. Impacts in change of rural character of “haul routes” based on use.
  - 3.5-b. Mitigation.

#### **4.0. Adverse Unavoidable Significant Environmental Impacts If Action Is Undertaken**

A discussion of the adverse environmental impacts identified in section 3.0 that can be expected to occur regardless of the mitigation measures proposed for the revised action.

#### **5.0. Alternatives**

- 5.1. No Action Alternative.
- 5.2. Weight Limit Posting of Local Roads.

#### **6.0. Growth Inducing Aspects**

Discussion of potential growth inducing aspects as a result of the action.

#### **7.0. Appendices**

- 7.1 Correspondence
- 7.2 Local Roads Assessment and Inventory Notes
- 7.3 Draft Road Preservation Local Law