

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

**Final Environmental Impact Statement
Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §4321 et seq.
of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended.**

**Goethals Bridge Replacement Project
Staten Island, New York, and Elizabeth, New Jersey**

Docket No. USCG-2009-0097

This Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) was prepared under the direction of the United States Coast Guard, part of the Department of Homeland Security, as the lead Federal agency, to comply with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and its implementing regulations. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Federal Highway Administration (New York and New Jersey divisions) served as Federal cooperating agencies. A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) was issued in May 2009. This FEIS assesses the impacts of replacement of the existing Goethals Bridge with the proposed Goethals Bridge Replacement (GBR) Project, which includes the construction of a new cable-stayed bridge that would continue to serve as an Interstate 278 link across the Arthur Kill between Staten Island, New York, and Elizabeth, New Jersey. The proposed action includes: a bridge with six travel lanes and standard shoulder widths; the construction of a public walkway/bikeway along the northern edge of the new bridge; the provision to accommodate the potential for future transit service; and the demolition of the existing Goethals Bridge. The USCG, as the lead Federal agency, has identified the New Alignment South as the Preferred Alternative for presentation and evaluation in this FEIS.

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In reaching my decision/recommendation on the GBR Project, I have considered the information contained in this FEIS on environmental impacts.

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