

# WILLIAMSVILLE TOLL BARRIER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

## New York State Thruway, Interstate 90 Between Interchanges 48A and 50 FHWA-NY-EIS-06-01-D



### Design Report/ Draft Environmental Impact Statement Volume I



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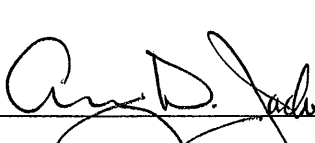
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ABSTRACT:

THIS REPORT DESCRIBES THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS RESULTING FROM IMPROVING OR RELOCATING THE WILLIAMSVILLE TOLL BARRIER, LOCATED IN ERIE COUNTY NEW YORK. THE ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED INCLUDE THE DO NOTHING OR NO BUILD ALTERNATIVE; IMPROVING THE BARRIER AT ITS EXISTING LOCATION; RELOCATING THE BARRIER TO A SITE EAST OF THE EXISTING BARRIER, WITHIN A 17 MILE CORRIDOR TERMINATING AT INTERCHANGE 48A IN GENESEE COUNTY; AND OTHERS. THE OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT IS TO PROVIDE A SATISFACTORY TOLL BARRIER FACILITY NORTHEAST OF THE BUFFALO METROPOLITAN AREA, WHICH PROVIDES SUITABLE CUSTOMER SERVICE, MAINTAINS PUBLIC AND WORKER SAFETY, AND COST EFFECTIVELY INCORPORATES INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY, WHILE MINIMIZING THE IMPACTS ON NATURAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES.

  
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