

Appendix B-1
General Correspondence



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March 23, 2011

Albany County Department of Health
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Re: FOIL Request
Livingston Avenue Bridge
Albany, NY

To Whom it May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Law, we are requesting information regarding municipal drinking water wells, wellhead influence zone, or reservoirs for the area one-half mile from the Livingston Avenue Bridge in Albany County. Your response can either be faxed to (212) 726-0942 or mailed to the address identified above. Please indicate AKRF's project number 20339 on all correspondence. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (646) 388-9858.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and cooperation.

Sincerely,
AKRF, Inc.

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Keri A. Cibelli
Senior Environmental Scientist



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March 23, 2011

Rensselaer County Health Department
Ned Pattison Government Center
1600 7th Avenue, 2nd Floor
Troy, New York 12180
(518) 270-2655

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Rensselaer, NY

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1600 SEVENTH AVENUE
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April 12, 2011

Keri A. Ciberlli
Senior Environmental Scientist
AKRF
440 Park Avenue South
7th Floor
New York, New York 10016

Re: FOIL Request – Livingston Avenue Bridge in Rensselaer County
File No. 2011-42
Project No. 20339

Dear Ms. Ciberlli:

Please be advised that Rensselaer County does not possess any of the records sought through your above referenced Freedom of Information Law request.

Very truly yours,

Peter R. Kehoe
Special Counsel
Foil Officer

PRK:sec

OFFICE OF THE ALBANY COUNTY CLERK

CLERK OF SUPREME AND COUNTY COURTS
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April 18, 2011

Ms. Keri A. Cibelli
AKRF, Inc.
440 Park Avenue, South, 7th Fl.
New York, NY 10016

RE: Public Information Request
11-137

Dear Ms. Cibelli:

Please be advised that we have received a response from the Albany County Health Department with regard to your request. Attached please find a copy. Thank you.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tom Clingan".

Thomas G. Clingan
Albany County Clerk

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MICHAEL G. BRESLIN
County Executive

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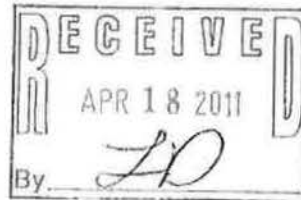
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MEMORANDUM



To: Honorable Thomas G. Clingan, County Clerk
From: James B. Crucetti, MD, MPH, Commissioner
Re: FOIL Request: Area One Mile from the Livingston Avenue Bridge in Albany County
FOIL Request Number #11-137
Date of Request: April 11, 2011
Date: April 15, 2011

This is to certify that after a diligent search for the above requested record(s), no such record can be found in the following Divisions of the Albany County Health Department:
Division of Environmental Health Services.

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U.S. Department
of Transportation

**Federal Railroad
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

JAN 12 2016

Jodi McDonald
Chief, Regulatory Branch
Department of the Army
New York District, Corps of Engineers
Jacob K. Javits Federal Building
26 Federal Plaza
New York, NY 10278-0090

Dear Ms. McDonald:

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) with New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) as a co-lead agency is initiating an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed Livingston Avenue Bridge, a rail bridge crossing the Hudson River between the City of Rensselaer in Rensselaer County, New York and the City of Albany in Albany County, New York.

The purpose of the proposed project is to: improve reliability and reduce passenger and freight train delays along this segment of the Empire Corridor; achieve (at a minimum) a long-term state-of-good-repair for the bridge; eliminate existing bridge and track deficiencies; and maintain or improve navigation near the bridge. The Livingston Avenue Bridge is located along the Empire Corridor, which is the principal passenger and freight route in New York State. The National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) uses the existing bridge for passenger rail service. The bridge is used by all trains serving areas north or west of Albany, including Amtrak's Ethan Allen Express route to Rutland, Vermont, Amtrak's Adirondack route to Montreal, and service to Niagara Falls, Chicago, Toronto, and Ontario. CSX and Canadian Pacific Railway run occasional freight trains across the bridge.

High-speed passenger rail service along the Empire Corridor is critical to New York State's economic future and environmental sustainability. NYSDOT is seeking to improve intercity passenger rail service on this designated high-speed corridor while strengthening the freight rail system. The Livingston Avenue Bridge is a restrictive bottleneck along the Empire Corridor, which is a vital transportation route of national significance that provides for the transport of goods and passengers that would otherwise be transported by air or highway.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the FRA is the lead federal agency and the NYSDOT has agreed to serve as the co-lead state agency.

Your agency has been identified as an agency that might have interest in the proposed project due to the requirements of various environmental regulations. Furthermore, FRA

and NYSDOT invite the participation of the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers as a Cooperating Agency in preparation of the Draft EA and Final EA, in accordance with 40 CFR 1501.6 of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA.

As a Cooperating Agency your special expertise permits you, as requested by the Lead Agency, to develop information and prepare environmental analyses for the third-party EA. We suggest that your agency's role in the development of the above project should include the following as they relate to your area of expertise:

1. Participate in coordination meetings.
2. Provide meaningful input on refining the purpose and need, determining range of alternatives to be considered, and the methodologies and level of detail required in the analysis of alternatives.
3. Identify issues, concerns and any studies that the EA should address and assist the agency in determining appropriate mitigation strategies
4. Provide timely review and comment on the pre-draft or pre-final environmental documents to reflect the views and concerns of your agency on the adequacy of the document.

Once again, FRA and NYSDOT are inviting U.S. Army Corp of Engineers to serve as Cooperating Agency. Please respond to FRA in writing with an acceptance or denial of the invitations within 30 days receipt of this letter. In making your determination and response to FRA please consider whether or not your agency:

- Has jurisdiction or authority with respect to the proposed project
- Has expertise or information relevant to the proposed project
- Intend to submit comments on the proposed project

If you have any questions or require any further information please contact please contact Michelle Fishburne at michelle.fishburne@dot.gov or 202-493-0398.

Sincerely,



David Valenstein
Environment & Systems Planning Division Chief



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**Federal Railroad
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

JAN 12 2016

Chris Bisignano
Commander, First Coast Guard District
United States Coast Guard
One South Street
New York, NY 10004-1466

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David Valenstein
Environment & Systems Planning Division Chief

U.S. Department of
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Commander
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February 25, 2016

Mr. David Valenstein
Environment & Systems Planning Division Chief
Federal Railways Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Livingston Avenue Railroad Bridge

Dear Mr. Valenstein,

This responds to your letter of January 12, 2016 and received by this office on February 23, 2016 concerning preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Livingston Avenue Railroad Bridge replacement project across the Hudson River between the cities of Albany and Rensselaer, New York.

The U. S. Coast Guard will agree to be a cooperating agency under the terms related in your letter as well as the responsibilities as stated in Section VI of the Memorandum of Understanding between our respective agencies signed on 14 January 2014. We expect all navigational and related concerns will be addressed under the appropriate sections of the EA.

Mr. Jim Moore of this office is the designated project manager for this action and may be contacted at (212) 514-4334 or e-mail at: james.m.moore2@uscg.mil.

If there are any questions or concerns, please call me at the above number.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. J. Bisignano".

C. J. Bisignano
Supervisory Bridge Management Specialist
By direction

E-copy: U.S. Coast Guard Sector New York – Waterways Management