

AIM FOR THE SKY: Competition to Re-Imagine the Skyway Corridor Buffalo Waterfront, Buffalo, New York

Questions/Responses: June 4 – June 17, 2019

Q: I was also wondering if it would be possible to have a building footprint shapefile layer if you have available? I was not able to find one on the .gov website.

A: ESD-provided base mapping of the corridor is not available (including building footprint shapefile layer), however potential respondents may elect to access online base map resources available in .DXF (Drawing Exchange) format (which may be exported to a shapefile in ArcMap), at websites such as at www.cadmapper.com. Please note that ESD does not guarantee the accuracy of such online base mapping resources.

Q: We were wondering if any of the following information of the bridge and the surrounding area is available:

- Traffic count studies
- Skyway Bridge inspection reports
- Economic development / social economic reports
- Environmental impact studies

A: We would encourage you to review the full Request for Submissions

(<https://esd.ny.gov/doing-business-ny/requests-proposals/buffalo-skyway-corridor-competition-rfs>) and go to the “Project Resources” page on the competition website (<https://esd.ny.gov/skyway-resources>), where you can find much of this information you requested:

- Traffic count studies – the Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council ran three typical scenarios for future traffic with or without the Skyway (see link on Project Resources Page: <https://esd.ny.gov/buffalo-skyway-transportation-scenarios>). You can also find a link there (<https://gbnrtc.ms2soft.com/tcds/tsearch.asp?loc=Gbnrtc&mod=>) for existing traffic data.
- Skyway Bridge inspection reports – the Project Resources Page has a link to the 2017 Design Report, which provides the latest data on the Skyway Bridge structural conditions (see <https://esd.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2017-Skyway-Deck-Rehab-Design-Report.pdf>). This was used as the basis for the current rehab work being completed now.
- Economic development / social economic reports – In addition to the City Comprehensive Plan and Green Code links listed in “Project Resources”, I would direct you to ESD Regional Strategic Economic Development Plan

([https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2017-11/A Strategy for Prosperity in Western New York November 2011.pdf](https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2017-11/A%20Strategy%20for%20Prosperity%20in%20Western%20New%20York%20November%202011.pdf)) and the “Buffalo Billion” Economic Development Initiative (<https://buffalobillion.ny.gov/about-buffalo-billion>) Reports for information on a regional basis. You also might want to

- Environmental impact studies – the last full EIS that was done for this corridor is the “Southtowns Connector/Buffalo Outer Harbor Project” Design Report/EIS in 2005-06, which set the stage for the current access system that now exists in the corridor. A link is provided at <https://esd.ny.gov/southtowns-connector-buffalo-outer-harbor-dr-feis>.