



New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
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ELIGIBILITY ATTACHMENT

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Mid-Hudson Bridge
U.S. Rte 44 Across Hudson River
Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County

I. Property appears NR/SR eligible. PRE SRB POST SRB

SPECIFIC CRITERIA:

- A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; OR
B. Associated with lives of persons significant in our past; OR
C. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction; OR represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; OR
D. Have yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in pre-history or history.

II. Property appears to be within the boundaries of a potential historic district. PRE SRB POST SRB (map attached)

Property contributes does not contribute (to the historic district).

DISCUSSION: The Mid-Hudson Bridge is historically significant as a distinguished example of long-span suspension highway bridge engineering of the early 20th century. Built by the NYS Department of Public Works and opened to traffic in 1930, the 3000-foot cable span is carried by two riveted steel towers set on cut stone piers. Completion of the Mid-Hudson Bridge provided an important crossing of the Hudson River and a link between the city of Poughkeepsie and U.S. Route 9W, a major north-south highway at the time it was constructed. The Bridge retains integrity of design and materials, and is a prominent visual landmark of the Mid-Hudson Region.

III. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

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