AGENDA FOR SCoping Meeting on Ellis Island Access
Thursday, December 20, 1990

"...to conduct a study of options for improving access to Ellis Island. The study should include but not be limited to, consideration of: the feasibility and costs of making permanent the existing bridge and upgrading it for pedestrian or bus use; the feasibility and costs of constructing a new bridge for pedestrian use; design options; financing options; revision of current fare, schedule, and contractual arrangements for ferry service with a goal towards reducing costs of access; comparison of transportation costs for this facility compared to other Park Service facilities; the ability of the Park Service to reduce visitor transportation costs through changes in current practices and related legal and liability questions; related environmental and regulatory issues; revisions to visitor services and flow patterns that such charges may necessitate; and the interaction of the pedestrian bridge with activities at Liberty State Park in Jersey City, NJ."

Introductions

Discussion of the Alternatives

Proposed Preliminary Alternatives

I. Upgrade Existing Bridge
   a. Pedestrians, service and bus use only
   b. Ferry service from New Jersey to Liberty Island only
   c. No capability of north-south vessel passage

II. Build New Bridge
   a. Pedestrians only
   b. Ferry service from New Jersey to Liberty Island only
   c. High span or lift span to allow north-south vessel passage

III. Remove Existing Bridge - No Bridge Provided
   a. No change in ferry service fare or
   b. Reduced fare for ferry service

Discussion of the Impacts

Discussion of the Schedule