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Dear Reader:

Attached is the Third Edition of the New York State Thruway Authority Structures Design Manual (Manual) TAP-422.

This document has been revised to include new design policies and guidelines and replaces the Second Edition of the Manual in its entirety.

As noted within, the contents of this Manual are to be used in concert with all other reference materials to help insure the proper design of structures for the Thruway system.

Many hours of work have gone into the updating of this Manual and I would like to extend my appreciation to everyone involved for their efforts.

Should you have any questions regarding the policies and guidelines provided in this Manual you can contact our Structural Design Bureau at (518) 471-4255.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher A. Waite".

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