



The Authority is charged with and committed to maintaining & operating the highway, implementing a capital improvement program to deliver high levels of safety & service and improving the travelers' experience.

Investments Necessary to Preserve the Highway & Bridges

The Authority has maintenance responsibility for **807 bridges and 2,430 lane miles** of pavement.

One of the goals of the current Capital Program is to retain “good” highway and bridge condition ratings. Without the planned \$2.1 billion of capital spending on highway and bridge projects contained in the Program, bridge and highway condition ratings would drop. In contrast, by pursuing the Program as currently planned, an overwhelming percentage of bridge and highway

ratings will remain in the good category – preserving high levels of safety and service for customers. Despite these favorable ratings by 2011, at the end of the current Program, the Authority will have **reconstructed less than 17 percent of pavement and less than 19 percent of the bridges** on the 55-year-old-system. It is important to note that **638 of the Thruway’s 807 bridges and 500 of the 570 miles of roadway** are currently more than **50 years old** and major capital investments are required to maintain current levels of safety and service. ▪

Impact of the Proposed Toll Adjustment

A Penny Per Mile

The **cash** rate for passenger vehicles under the proposed plan would **increase by 0.43 cents per mile** (from 4.27 to 4.70 cents per mile) and the **E-ZPass** rate would **increase 1 cent per mile** (from 3.49 to 4.47 cents per mile).

Inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index, has increased by approximately 73% between 1988 to 2008. While the Authority has taken on additional responsibilities since 1988, the increase in tolls on the Thruway remains **lower than the rate of inflation**. ▪

	CASH	E-ZPASS	ANNUAL PERMIT <i>(Based on trip length of 30 miles or less)</i>
CURRENT RATE	4.27 cents per mile	3.49 cents per mile	20 cents per trip*
PROPOSED FOR 2010	4.70 cents per mile	4.47 cents per mile	22 cents per trip*
CHANGE	1/2 a penny per mile	one penny per mile	2 cents per trip*
			* assumes 200 round trips annually

Protecting the Most Frequent Users

The E-ZPass **Annual Permit Plan** is \$80 (unchanged since 1988), and the first 30 miles of each trip falls within the parameters of the plan; proposed to increase from \$80 to \$84 in 2009, and to \$88 in 2010.

A commuter making 200 round trips annually pays 20 cents per trip if 30 miles or less (\$80 fee/400 trips).

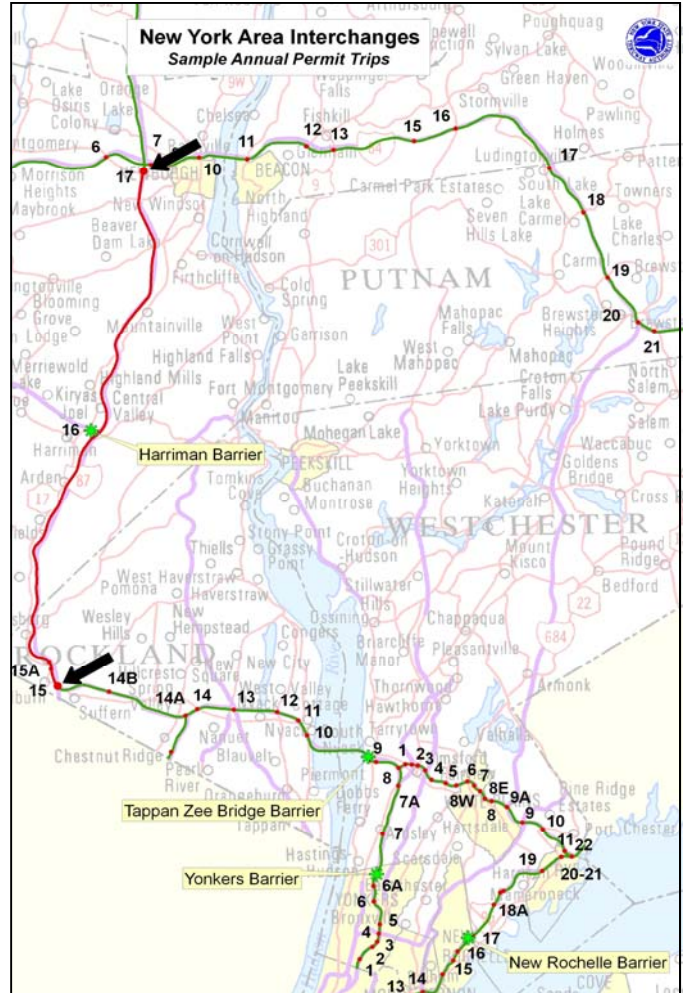
If implemented under the current proposal, the same trip would be 22 cents when fully phased-in, **an increase of 2 cents per trip** (\$88 fee/400 trips).

The Annual Permit Plan (see map) allows a customer to travel from Interchange 17 (Newburgh) to Interchange 15 (Woodbury), more than 29 miles, for no additional charge.

Visit the Authority's Toll & Distance Calculator and Annual Permit Comparison information online at www.nysthruway.gov/tolls/calc/.

Additionally other discount plans are available. For example, if implemented under the current proposal, customers enrolled in the **Yonkers & Harriman E-ZPass Commuter Plans**, who pay 50 cents per trip today, would see **an increase of 5 cents per trip when fully phased in**. If implemented under the current proposal, customers enrolled in the **New Rochelle E-ZPass Commuter Plan**, who pay \$1 per trip today, would see **an increase of 10 cents per trip when fully phased in**. Further, if implemented under the current proposal, customers enrolled in the **Tappan Zee Bridge E-ZPass Commuter Plan**, who pay \$2 round-trip today, would see **an increase of \$1 when fully phased in**.

To sign up for any E-ZPass plan, new customers can visit www.e-zpassny.com. To change plans, current customers can call the E-ZPass Customer Service Center at 1-800-333-TOLL (8655).



Commercial Volume Discount Program

The Authority is committed to continuing to work with the public to finalize a plan that would strike a balance between the financial needs of the Authority, the traveling public and the State's economic well being.

In addition to offering commuter plans for frequent customers traveling in passenger vehicles, the Authority offers a Volume Discount Program to its commercial charge account customers as well.

In 2007, **commercial** vehicles participating in the **Volume Discount Program** saved a total of more than **\$21 million**.

A commercial charge account customer qualifies for a volume discount when their cumulative toll

charges total more than \$1,000 per month. The discount applies to the monthly toll billing as follows:

TOTAL MONTHLY CHARGES	DISCOUNTS
\$1,001 to \$2,000	10 percent discount
\$2,001 to \$3,000	15 percent discount
More than \$3,000	20 percent discount

\$1+ Billion in State Mandated Responsibilities...and Growing

Since the early 1990s, the Authority has assumed responsibility for operating and maintaining I-84* and I-287, operating, maintaining and capital responsibility for the New York State Canal System and the funding of numerous other non-Thruway related projects (such as the Syracuse and Buffalo Inner Harbors). **These mandated projects have cost the Authority more than \$1 billion in toll revenue since 1990**, revenue that would otherwise have been spent on the System's highways and bridges, thereby reducing the Authority's reliance on debt to finance these capital projects.

In 2008 and beyond, it is estimated that the Authority will have to spend at least \$85 million per year for these mandated projects, predominately to support the Canal System. Without these mandated costs, the general toll increases being proposed for 2009 and 2010 would not be necessary. ▪

*Maintained by the Authority, under contract with the NYS Department of Transportation)

The Public Process

In addition to speaking and providing written testimony at the public hearings, comments may also be submitted in writing to the Department of Public Affairs, New York State Thruway Authority, 200 Southern Boulevard, Albany, NY, 12209, or via email at

Public.Comment@thruway.state.ny.us.

Comments must be *received* by the Authority no later than April 10, 2008.

More information is available on the Authority's website at **www.nysthruway.gov** under "**News & Updates.**"

The Authority plans to seek Board approval for any toll adjustment this Spring ▪

Mandated Non-Thruway Expenditures

(In Millions)

Cross Westchester Expressway I-287	\$100.7
Canal System	\$700.4
Interstate 84	\$164.1
Syracuse Inner Harbor	\$ 22.6
Buffalo Inner Harbor	\$ 11.7
Tonawanda Harbor and Trail	\$ 3.3
Syracuse Inter-Modal Center	\$ 4.7
Tappan Zee Ferry	\$ 0.2
Stewart Airport Access Project	\$ 14.4
Interchange 26 Bridge	\$ 2.8
Interchange 32 Tandem Lot	\$ 1.7
<u>Local Bridges</u>	<u>\$ 5.6</u>
Total	(In Millions) \$1,032.2

Cost Containment Measures

Operating under Board-imposed cost containment measures, the Authority has already:

- eliminated more than 450 positions since 1995 (plans to eliminate **at least** 50 more positions by end of 2012);
- limited its overall operating expense budget growth to 3.2 percent annually (2008 - 2012); and
- cut more than \$300 million in projects from the \$2.1 billion highway and bridge Capital Program due to inflationary costs.

The Authority will continue to evaluate its operating costs; however, it must continue to rely upon Thruway tolls to **preserve the safety of its roads and bridges and maintain the Canal System.** ▪

2008-2011 NEW YORK DIVISION CAPITAL PROGRAM PROJECTS

Let Year	Project Description	Est. Construction Cost
2008	New York Division: On-Demand Bridge Repairs 2008-2009	\$ 1,500,000
	New York Division: Pavement Striping 2009	\$ 800,000
	Major Deegan Expwy to Cross Westchester Expwy (Exit 8): Pavement Resurfacing	\$18,000,000
	New York Division: ITS Project	\$ 4,000,000
	Tappan Zee Bridge: Steel Repairs	\$24,000,000
	Mountain View Avenue Bridge over Thruway: Rehabilitation	\$ 1,700,000
	Ramapo & Sloatsburg Travel Plaza, Wastewater connection to Municipal System	\$ 1,400,000
	Sloatsburg Travel Plaza Parking Structure: Repairs	\$ 5,700,000
	South of Harriman (Exit 16): Pavement Resurfacing with Safety Improvements	\$ 8,000,000
	Harriman Maint. Sect., Toll Building (Exit 16): Connect to Municipal Water, Sewer	\$ 500,000
	Newburgh (Exit 17) to Plattekill Service Area: Pavement Resurfacing	\$10,000,000
	Newburgh (Exit 17) to South of New Paltz (Exit 18): Interim Pavement Repairs	\$ 500,000
	Plattekill Travel Plaza to South of New Paltz (Exit 18): Pavement Resurfacing & Safety Work	\$22,000,000
	I-84, East Fishkill and Stormville Rest Areas: Wastewater Treatment System Rehabilitation	\$ 1,100,000
	I-95 Thruway Bridge Washing 2008	\$ 600,000
	I-95 Thruway, Bartow Avenue (Exit 11): Ramp Improvements	\$ 2,500,000
	North Avenue Pedestrian/Utility Bridge over I-95 Thruway: Construct New Bridge	\$ 2,500,000
2009	New York Division: Bridge Painting	\$ 2,600,000
	New York Division: Pavement Striping 2010	\$ 900,000
	Thruway over Miles Square Road Bridge: Joint Rehabilitation	\$ 300,000
	Cross County Parkway Bridge over Thruway: Deck Rehabilitation	\$ 4,000,000
	New York Division: Culvert Repairs	\$ 1,000,000
	Ardsley Travel Plaza: Replace Water Supply Main	\$ 1,000,000
	Sloatsburg Travel Plaza: Pavement Rehabilitation	\$ 1,600,000
	Thruway Bridges over Sloatsburg-Sebago Lake Road: Replacement	\$17,000,000
	Thruway Bridges over East Village Road: Replacement	\$ 6,000,000
	I-95 Thruway Bridges: Bridge Washing	\$ 600,000
	I-95 North Avenue Bridge over Thruway: Utilities Transfer (Phase 2)	\$ 3,100,000
I-95 Thruway, Port Chester to Connecticut State Line: Pavement Rehabilitation	\$ 4,000,000	
I-95 Thruway Bridge over Byram River: Deck Pavement Resurfacing and Painting	\$16,400,000	
Garden State Parkway Connector: Pavement Resurfacing	\$ 3,000,000	
2010	New York Division: On-Demand Bridge Repairs 2010-2011	\$ 1,500,000
	Yonkers Toll Barrier: Reconstruct Toll Barrier including Highway Speed E-ZPass	\$20,000,000
	Route 9A Bridge over Thruway: Deck Rehabilitation and Bearing Replacement	\$ 1,000,000
	Tappan Zee Bridge: Infrastructure Repairs	\$50,000,000
	Arden Station Road Bridge over Thruway: Rehabilitation	\$ 2,000,000
	Thruway Bridge over Mill Street: Rehabilitation	\$ 1,900,000
	Removal of Thruway Bridge over Abandoned RR, South of New Paltz	\$ 1,700,000
	I-95 Thruway: Bridge Washing	\$ 500,000
	I-95 Thruway Bridge over Erksine Place (Bassett Avenue) & RR Rehabilitation	\$ 2,000,000
	I-95 Thruway Bridges over Hutchinson River Parkway Extension: Deck Rehabilitation	\$ 3,300,000
	I-95 Thruway, Bartow Avenue (Exit 11): Construct Noise Wall	\$ 2,200,000
	Conner Street Bridge over I-95 Thruway: Rehabilitation	\$ 2,300,000
	Centre Avenue Bridge over I-95 Thruway: Rehabilitation	\$ 1,900,000
	I-95 Thruway, New Rochelle (Exit 16) SB: Construct Noise Wall	\$ 1,600,000
	I-95 Bridge over Fenimore Road: Rehabilitation	\$ 1,500,000
	Central Avenue Bridge over I-95 Thruway: Rehabilitation	\$ 900,000
	Garden State Parkway Bridges over Williams Road: Deck Rehabilitation	\$ 1,800,000
New York Division: Pavement Striping 2011	\$ 900,000	
2011	New York Division: Bridge Painting	\$ 3,000,000
	Yonkers (Exits 2 and 3): Construct Noise Wall	\$ 2,000,000
	Nyack Maintenance Section, Modifications to Maintenance Building	\$ 1,000,000
	Thruway Bridges over Conrail, Route 17 and Ramapo River: Rehabilitation	\$15,300,000
	Plattekill and Modena Travel Plazas: Commercial Truck Parking Expansion	\$ 4,400,000
	Boston Post Road Bridge over I-95 Thruway: Rehabilitation and Painting	\$ 4,000,000
	I-95 Thruway Viaduct (New Rochelle): Painting	\$ 7,000,000
	North Avenue Bridge over I-95 Thruway: Replacement (Phase 3)	\$10,800,000
	I-95 Thruway Bridge over Cedar Street Interchange: Rehabilitation or Replacement	\$ 2,700,000
	I-95 Thruway, New Rochelle Toll Barrier to Connecticut Line: Pavement Restoration	\$ 8,800,000
	Rockland Avenue Bridge over I-95 Thruway: Deck and Structural Steel Replacement	\$ 3,000,000
West Street Bridge over I-95 Thruway: Deck Rehabilitation	\$ 1,700,000	