

Joanne M. Mahoney, Chair, Thruway Board of Directors

ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

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Dear Chair Mahoney,

The Town Board of New Paltz requests that reconstruction of the Brookside Road bridge/overpass located just south of Exit 18, be included in the NYS Thruway Capital Plan.

This is a matter of urgent public safety. Since being closed in May of 2023, our residents have experienced more than inconvenience. The bridge provides vital access for school buses, fire and ambulance vehicles, medical facilities, local snow plow operators and other public service vehicles.

This bridge is a quality of life, local economy, and vehicular efficiency issue for residents who rely on it as a daily connector to SUNY New Paltz, the Village of New Paltz, the River to Ridge Trail, the Mohonk Preserve and Lake Minnewaska via Rte 32 N and points south via Rte 32S.

Please let us know if reconstruction of this critical infrastructure will be a priority for the NYS Thruway Authority.

Sincerely,