

# Thruway Authority Begins \$19.4M Rehab On Two Aging Bridges in Rockland County

ALBANY—Work has begun in earnest on a \$19.4-million New York State Thruway project to rehabilitate two aging bridges on the Thruway in the Village of Suffern in Rockland County.

Preliminary work began last fall on the bridges, both of which are at least 70 years old and about a tenth of a mile apart. The stretch of Thruway also serves motorists and commercial vehicles traveling to and from New Jersey via I-287 via Exit 15 at milepost 30.17.

Contractor crews will repair concrete substructure and steel superstructure, along with completely replacing the concrete deck and parapets with precast concrete deck panels on the bridge over Route 202 (milepost 29.54). Crews will construct new bridge joints on the span over the Mahwah River (milepost 29.41). Both bridges are located on I-87 between exit 14B (Airmont–Montebello–Airmont Road) and Exit 15 (New Jersey–I-287–NJ Route 17 South).

Thruway Authority Executive Director Frank G. Hoare, Jr., said the bridges have served the roadway network "reliably over the decades, and we are undertaking efforts to ensure they remain safe and dependable for the tens of millions of motorists who



A section of the New York State Thruway northbound in Rockland County.

use them each year."

The contractor on the project, DeFoe Corp. of Mount Vernon, NY, will construct new bridge joints on the span over the Mahwah River (milepost 29.41).

Other project improvements will include rehabilitating median drainage structures, building new median barriers and installing new pavement markings. Signs in the area will advise motorists of lane shifts.

Motorists are urged to be alert and follow the posted speed limits in work zones. Beginning this month, motorists will encounter lane shifts to facilitate construction. Three travel lanes in each direction will be maintained at all times through this heavily traveled corridor, with an estimated 120,000 vehicles traveling it daily. DeFoe Corp. is scheduled to complete the project by late 2026.

The Thruway Authority's approved

2025 budget invests a total of \$477.3 million in dedicated funding for capital projects across the Thruway system beginning this year—an increase of more than \$33 million over the 2024 budget. The increased investment will lead to work on approximately 61% of the Thruway's more than 2,800 pavement lane miles as well as the replacement or rehabilitation of 20% of the Thruway's 817 bridges. ■