

Report Finds NYS Thruway Faces \$1.2 Billion Funding Gap

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As vehicle travel returns to pre-pandemic levels, a new report by a national transportation research nonprofit organization finds that the New York State Thruway is looking at a significant funding gap. According to The Road Information Program (TRIP), the Thruway Authority faces a \$1.2 billion backlog through 2031 to maintain its high levels of safety and service, maintain good infrastructure conditions, support operations, and maintain debt service coverage at appropriate levels. Rocky Moretti, Director of Policy and Research for TRIP, says the current condition of highways and bridges on the Thruway will deteriorate under current funding levels...



Rocky Moretti: condition is expected to deteriorate

Former NYSTA Executive Director Michael Fleischer says the report shows the Thruway is among the safest highway systems in the nation, but it requires continued and increased investments, such as the proposed toll hike that would take effect in 2024...



Michael Fleischer: proposed toll hike is needed

Current toll rates per mile on the Thruway and rates proposed for 2024 are well below rates on most similar toll facilities in the Northeast. A 2022 assessment of surface distress on Thruway found that 48% of the system is in poor condition, 26% is in fair condition, and 26% is in good condition.

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View of Interstate 90 from Brigham Road in Dunkirk. Photo by Greg Larson