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Mr. Don Reeb  
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Dear Mr. Reeb:

Chairman John L. Buono has asked me to respond to your October 2, 2003, letter regarding the Thruway Authority's Albany Corridor Study.

As you know, the Thruway Authority is currently conducting a comprehensive study of the Albany Corridor between Thruway Interchanges 21A and 25A. As part of this study, transportation problems have been identified and evaluated. We have also examined many alternative improvements to address these problems. One of these alternatives is the E-ZPass lane discussed in your letter. At this point in the study, we are considering all practical alternatives. In December we intend to convene a meeting of the Project Advisory Committee (PAC) consisting of representatives from the local jurisdictions in the corridor to review the study alternatives. The Town of Guilderland is represented on this Committee. In addition, we will conduct a public informational meeting following the PAC meeting. Your letter and the information we receive at these meetings will become part of the knowledge base out of which study recommendations will be formed.

Public opinion relating to transportation issues is very important to the Thruway Authority. We appreciate being advised of your concerns and recommendations.

Sincerely,

Wendy Allen  
Acting Director  
Department of Planning Services

cc: Chairman John L. Buono