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Mr. Richard Patten
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Dear Mr. Patten:

The Thruway Authority's Public Affairs Office asked me to respond to your phone call from yesterday concerning the Albany Corridor Study.

As you may know, the Albany Corridor Study is a comprehensive study 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 Interchange 24 flyover, which you discussed with Public Affairs.

At this point in the study, we are considering all practical alternatives. In January, the Project Advisory Committee (PAC) met to review the study alternatives. This committee consists of representatives from the local jurisdictions in the corridor including the Town of Guilderland. The Authority will conduct a public informational meeting today February 24, 2004. Your phone call 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,

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cc: Wendy Allen