

We Need Your Help to Stop the Flyover And We Need It Now.

**This May Be Our Very Best Opportunity
To Stop The Western Avenue Flyover.
Come And Tell the Thruway Again That
We Do Not Want the Western Avenue
Flyover.**

**Plans For The Reconstruction of Exit 24
And The Flyover Are Being Developed.**

**Once the New Thruway Lanes Are
Constructed, the Connections to the
Flyover Could Be In Place Unless We
Stop Them.**

**We Must Stop the Flyover. Please Come
to the Tuesday Meeting.**

From 7-9pm at ST. SOPHIA GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, 440 Whitehall Road, on Tuesday, March 14, 2006 the New York State Thruway Authority will hold a public hearing. Sign-in begins at 6pm. Come, bear witness, testify. Provide your input. McKownville desperately needs your help now if we are to stop the Western Avenue Flyover. You can read the Thruway's Draft Environmental Impact Statement on adding two more lanes between Exit 23 and Exit 24 at www.thruway.state.ny.us. The Hearing will also include discussion of the sound barriers along the Thruway in McKownville. The Thruway must be told that while we need the sound barriers they are not a trade-off for the Western Avenue flyover.

THRUWAY RECONSTRUCTION AND MOBILITY IMPROVEMENTS BETWEEN INTERCHANGES 23 AND 24

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Albany Corridor Study, initiated by the New York State Thruway Authority (NYSTA), identified the need to reconstruct the mainline pavement between Interchanges 23 and 24 (MP 141.92 - MP 148.0). Mobility improvements, such as the addition of a travel lane in each direction, have been evaluated. This project will also include the reconstruction of the drainage facilities and vertical clearance improvements at overhead bridges. This project does not include Interchange 23 or 24 ramps and toll plazas.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) provides the project needs and objectives, identifies the preferred alternative, and documents the project's effects on social, economic and environmental considerations. Following the receipt of public and agency comments, the Thruway Authority will address the comments in a Final EIS (FEIS) and issue a Findings Statement. A public scoping meeting was held on this project in February 2005.

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

To view the DEIS online, visit the Thruway's website at www.thruway.state.ny.us and select "Int 23-24 Reconstruction" under PROJECTS AND STUDIES from the left navigational bar. Copies of the DEIS are also available for your review at the following libraries:

Albany Public Library
Main Library
161 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12210

Bethlehem Public Library
451 Delaware Avenue
Delmar, NY 12054

Guilderland Public Library
2228 Western Avenue
Guilderland, NY 12084

Albany Public Library
Delaware Branch
485 Delaware Avenue
Albany, NY 12209

ATTEND THE PUBLIC HEARING:

Tuesday, March 14, 2006
St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church
440 Whitehall Road
Albany, New York, 12208
For meeting directions, see reverse side.

Sign-in hours: 6:00 - 9:00 PM
Presentation: 7:00 PM
Public Comment period: 7:30 - 9:00 PM

Written Comments between 6:00 - 9:00 PM

WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

- Hear about the DEIS
- Meet with Project Team Members
- Come Provide Your Input!

WHO TO CONTACT:

Submit your written comments by March 31, 2006 to:

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For information or special needs accommodations, contact Lisa Westrick at Clough Harbour & Associates at (518) 453-4500 or visit the website at www.thruway.state.ny.us (select "Int 23-24 Reconstruction")

In the event of inclement weather, call (518) 436-2983 to find out if the meeting has been postponed.

