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Subject: Noise barriers
From: dreeb@albany.edu
Date: Fri, October 3, 2008 10:53 am
To: dreeb@albany.edu
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Hi Everyone:

The information below indicates that the Thruway Authority will have put our noise barriers in place by the end of 2013. Some feared that they had been abandoned with cost increases--thankfully they will be with us--and for many many years those living in and near McKownville will witness a reduction in traffic noise from the Thruway.

We all did "gooder" (as Andy Griffith might have said) and our patience and perseverance and the work of our State and local public officials on our behalf has been rewarded as it nearly always is.

Good news in a time of terrible economic news: let us all enjoy it.

Don Reeb

----- Original Message -----
Subject: Interchange 23-24 Reconstruction Project
From: "PUBLIC INFO" <PublicInfo@thruway.state.ny.us>
Date: Thu, October 2, 2008 3:39 pm
To: dreeb@albany.edu

Dear Mr. Reeb,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the Interchange 23-24 project.

The Authority remains committed to providing high levels of safety and service to the customers that use the System. However, given the rising cost of construction-related materials and inflation, the Authority has been prompted to scale back the number of projects being delivered under the \$2.1 billion highway and bridge capital plan.

For example, there are some paving projects that were originally planned as full-depth pavement reconstruction that have since been rescoped to mill and fill projects; some bridge replacement projects have been adjusted to a bridge rehabilitation projects.

Since being approved in April 2005, the Authority's multi-year Capital Plan has been adjusted by approximately \$550 million in projects due to cover price increases and inflation through the end of the plan (2005-2011). Despite these adjustments, the capital plan funding level will remain at \$2.1 billion (same funding commitments, fewer projects delivered w/ the same dollar amount).

That being said, the Interchange 23-24 Reconstruction project is progressing and remains in the current Capital Plan.

In fact, final design is progressing currently, and should be complete by mid-2009. The project work will include reconstruction of the pavement, with the addition of a 3rd lane in each direction; reconstruction of the drainage facilities within the project limits; vertical clearance improvements at overhead bridges; stormwater and wetland mitigation measures in keeping with State and Federal Environmental regulations; construction of noise barriers in 10 locations, as identified in the FEIS; and landscaping enhancements.

At this time, the Authority anticipates letting the project in December

2011, with an expected construction completion in the Winter of 2013.

Sincerely,

Betsy L. Graham
Office of Public Affairs

>>>> < dreeb@albany.edu > 09/18/2008 2:27 PM >>>
> Hi
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> Questions--when are the sound barriers on the Thruway near McKown
Road
> going to be put in place--and--when is the widening of the Thruway
> between
> Exits 23 and 24 going to occur?
>
> Thanks.
>
> Don Reeb

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