



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Bill Weber

## Senator Bill Weber Advocates for Increased Residency and Commuter Discounts for Rockland County Residents on Proposed New York State Thruway Toll Adjustment

BILL WEBER May 10, 2023

| ISSUE: **NEW YORK STATE THRUWAY AUTHORITY, TOLL INCREASES; NEW YORK STATE THRUWAY AUTHORITY, EZ-PASS**



As the New York State Thruway Authority begins the public hearing process discussing the proposed toll adjustments on the Thruway, Senator Weber is advocating for increased residency and commuter discounts for Rockland County residents. The Thruway Authority's toll adjustment proposal includes an increase in the residency discount from 17% to 20% for

qualified Rockland and Westchester residents, but Senator Weber believes Rockland County deserves more.

Unlike Westchester, Rockland lacks a one-seat ride to New York City, so many commuters must drive and cross the bridge. Any increases to the tolls will disproportionately affect Rockland commuters. Senator Weber supports increasing the discount in Westchester to 20% but urges a 25% increase to Rockland's residency discount. For these same reasons, increasing the commuter discount program above the existing 40% is critical for enrolled E-Z Pass customers who cross the bridge more than 20 times per month.

"Rockland County residents face a significant burden with Thruway tolls," said Senator Weber. "We must find an equitable solution that takes into account Rockland Commuters." Next Tuesday, the New York State Thruway Authority will hold a public hearing on the proposed toll adjustment, where individuals attending can sign in to offer remarks. The meeting starts at 4 pm. Written comments will also be accepted at the meeting.

"I encourage all Rockland County residents to attend the upcoming New York State Thruway Authority public hearing on the proposed toll adjustments," said Senator Weber. "This is a great opportunity for Rockland voices to be heard and advocate for increased residency and commuter discounts that would provide much-needed relief for our community."

The public hearings will take place on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Palisades Center (Adler Community Room), located at 1000 Palisades Center Drive, West Nyack, NY 10994. To find out more information, visit:

<https://www.thruway.ny.gov/news/adjustment/index.html>.