

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY

HELD AT HEADQUARTERS, HIGHLAND, N.Y. ON
August 20, 2024

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BOARD MEMBER: IN ATTENDANCE: IN-PERSON

McDonald, Joan, Chair
Bruni, Maria, Vice Chair
Gilbert, Ilan, Commissioner
O'Brien, Michael, Commissioner

VIA ZOOM:

Berardi, Alexander, Commissioner

OFFICERS:

Rosso, Jennifer, Secretary
Bushek, Brian, Treasurer
Ahrenholz, Kevin, General Counsel

Chair McDonald called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS:

Chair McDonald presented Ja'Sean Edmonds with two Employee Recognition Awards for two separate incidents. One incident happened in June, but, Ja'Sean was unable to attend July Board meeting to receive his award because of his availability. Chair McDonald shared the following quotes;

On June 8, 2024, STB Ja'Sean Edmonds identified an individual on the Rip Van Winkle Bridge who was in distress and threatening personal harm. STB Edmonds was able to alert the Command Center and direct the individual off the shoulder and onto the sidewalk to wait safely until police arrived. STB Edmonds' NYSBA nominating colleague Alexis stated [she] "wanted to highlight a great job Ja'Sean did with responding to a subject... in emotional distress. He sat and spoke with the individual until police arrived and was our first alert to this person, making us aware of the situation."

Chair McDonald continued with presenting Ja'Sean with his second award, sharing that, "On August 4, 2024, STB Ja'Sean Edmonds promptly responded to a severe accident at the Rip Van Winkle Bridge. Upon arriving at the scene, Ja'Sean found a severely injured driver lying on the ground, and without delay, initiated response to ensure immediate assistance from multiple emergency units. Ja'Sean's swift actions and clear communication were crucial in managing the scene and ensuring the injured individual received prompt medical attention. His efforts contributed significantly to the effective handling of the situation and the safety of all involved. This was Ja'Sean's first experience managing a major accident, and he handled it with remarkable expertise, demonstrating the skills he has acquired through his training.

Chair McDonald also wanted to share and present Marc Fortin for his response to a bike rider who had experienced severe heat exhaustion. On August 5, 2024, during a bike event on the Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge, Marc Fortin demonstrated exceptional care and responsiveness when a rider experienced severe heat exhaustion. Recognizing the urgency of the situation, Marc swiftly brought the rider into an air-conditioned facility, provided essential first aid including ice packs and water, and offered crucial instructions for self-care. Despite the rider's initial reluctance, Marc encouraged and facilitated her access to professional medical attention, ensuring she received the necessary care. This act of quick thinking and compassionate assistance highlights Marc's commitment and skill in managing critical situations effectively.

The next order of business was to adopt the Regular Board meeting minutes of July 18, 2024. Chair McDonald called for a motion. Vice Chair Brunni abstained from voting since she did not attend the July Board meeting. On a motion of Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Gilbert, the Regular Board minutes of June 20, 2024 minutes were adopted.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD:

1) Executive Director's Monthly Detailed Summary

Dr. Alcantara reported to the Board the following:

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

NYSBA Strategic Planning

Our new Strategic Plan for the Authority is in the final stages of development. We expect to share the draft plan with employees, Board member, and other relevant stakeholders for their review and input in the upcoming months.

Workplace Climate Survey

Late last year, we asked our employees to fill out a confidential survey about their experiences at work and how it affects their job performance. After compiling the information from the survey, I traveled to each facility with our Deputy Executive Director and Director of HR to discuss the findings of the report and to request feedback from our employees regarding the survey. We also were able to solicit input from them to determine ways to improve our operations.

Domestic Violence 101 Training

All management and other interested staff took part in a virtual "Domestic Violence 101" training from the NYS Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence. This workshop is designed to help participants better understand Domestic and Gender Violence at our workplace; how they can identify different forms of Domestic Violence and how they can help provide assistance in the event of a domestic violence situation occurring at the workplace.

COMMUNITY

National Purple Heart Day

We had the pleasure of welcoming over 20 Purple Heart recipients to the *Purple Heart Veterans Memorial* Bear Mountain Bridge. This event took place on August 7, National Purple Heart Day, which commemorates the day that George Washington established the award in 1782, while encamped in Newburgh. We also were pleased to honor former Assemblywoman Sandy Galef and the late Senator Bill Larkin (represented by his wife, Pat) for their roles in sponsoring the bridge name legislation. The event was attended by Congressman Lawler, Senators Harckham and Rolison, Assemblymembers Eachus, Levenberg, and Maher, as well as Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne, who was the bill's co-sponsor when he served in the Assembly. Thank you also to Commissioner Gilbert for taking part in our ceremony. It was wonderful to include this event as part of our centennial festivities.

BMB Centennial Pop Up Shop

Last month, NYSBA hosted our second BMB centennial online pop-up shop, featuring many swag options, including a limited edition Purple Heart Veterans Memorial Bear Mountain Bridge hat, donated by Historic Bridges of the Hudson Valley. We sold over 100 items from the pop-up shop, generating approximately \$900 in funding for centennial activities.

Chief Engineer Hiring

After 10 years of dedicated service, Jeff Wright is retiring at the end of the year and we have started the process of advertising the job posting to find our next Chief Engineer. This job posting can be found on our [website](#) and is being shared on job search platforms and with our partners.

Bear Mountain Bridge Centennial

Earlier this month, we hosted a canvas painting event at the Fort Montgomery State Historic Site, where we had 23 people register to create their own painting of the Bear Mountain Bridge. Thank you to NYS Parks and Grant Miller and Peter Cutul at Fort Montgomery for hosting us and thank you to Stasia Fernandez, who led the painting session for your expertise. Also, a huge thank you to our staff who helped plan this event and to the BMB maintenance staff for your help with setup and breakdown.

In collaboration with the State Office of Parks, our final “Bridges to Parks” hike will take place on Saturday, September 7 with hikes focused on the Bear Mountain Bridge and the surrounding parks. Different hikes for various interests and abilities will be offered once again. Lace up your shoes and consider joining us!

International Cable Supported Bridge Operators Conference

NYSBA continues to plan for ICSBOC 2024 taking place at West Point on Oct 6-10. Registration continues to be open, but hotels are booking up so we encourage everyone to register as soon as possible. A full description of the technical sessions is now available on the ICSBOC [website](#).

Cycle the Hudson Valley Bike Ride

Parks & Trails New York organized a bicycle ride through the Hudson Valley section of the Empire State Trail. They crossed over the Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge on August 5. The group then crossed the Walkway Over the Hudson on August 6 and Jeff Wright gave a presentation to the group that evening about the work of NYSBA.

New York Department of State Air Gap Pilot Study in the Hudson River

The Bridge Authority will be collaborating with the NY Department of State and other state agencies collaborating on a real-time data system for the Hudson River that will address maritime and bridge safety concerns as well as climate resilience data needs.

Safety and Security Collaborations

NYSBA staff participated in the following:

- On July 30, Danielle Mass attended Dutchess County Emergency Preparedness Assessment (CEPA) and engaged in critical discussions and evaluations of regional emergency preparedness strategies. The event focused on assessing current protocols, identifying areas for improvement, and enhancing coordination among local agencies to ensure effective response and management in emergencies.
- On August 1, Rachel Abell participated in a New York State Agencies Coastal Storm/Hurricane Readiness Workshop.
- On August 7, Danielle attended State Agency Communications Committee meeting, a committee that strives to improve state agency interoperability through the sharing of ideas, best practices, and cross agency collaboration.
- On August 7, Danielle and Jeff Wright attended a Virtual Symposium on Protection of Bridge Piers from Large Ship Impact. This focused on current methods for protecting bridge piers and towers from large ship impacts. It aimed to address gaps and needs in this field through presentations and a workshop session with researchers and practicing engineers.
- On August 7, Marc Fortin attended Dutchess County Emergency Management's active shooter exercise at Arlington High School.

FINANCE

Contracts

- BMB Deck Replacement – Design – BA-2024-RE-105-DE
- System-Wide Pier Protection Study – Modjeski & Masters Assignment under General Contract Agreement – BA-2024-RE-109-ES

Finance Update

The traffic in July 2024 consisted of 5.75 million vehicle crossings, higher than 2023 traffic by 279,000 vehicles (5.1%). This traffic was the highest in the past 5 years; even higher than the recent next highest year from July 2023 (see attachment A). July 2024 YTD traffic was 36.8 million, a 2.62% increase over 2023 (see attachment B).

July total E-ZPass utilization was 2.501 million vehicles or 87.0%. This traffic consisted of 2.186 million valid E-ZPass tag reads and 0.315 million E-ZPass account-based transactions identified through plate images. July traffic was composed of 93.7% Passenger and 6.3% Commercial vehicles, slightly better than July 2023 traffic, which was composed of 94.04% Passenger and 5.96%

Commercial vehicles. Important to note that Commercial vehicles account for approximately ~30% of our revenue (see attachments G&H).

June 2024 Revenue was \$6.9 million, as compared to \$6.3 million in 2023. This 9.46% increase from 2023 is attributable to several factors including: a 1.33% increase in traffic, an increase in Tolls by Mail violation fee revenue (\$106,000), and incremental charges for bad debt reserve in 2023 (463,000)(see attachment C). June 2024 YTD Revenue was \$38.8 million, a 8.39% increase over 2023 related to the traffic increase of 2.18% compounded by the toll increase from May 2023 (See attachment D). During the month of June, toll related revenue was comprised of E-ZPass traffic \$6.1 million (88%) and Tolls by Mail traffic \$0.5 million (7%) (see attachments E&F).

	JUNE 30, 2024	
	Revenue	% of Total
E-Zpass (1)	\$ 6,108,054	88%
Tolls by Mail (2)	\$ 455,182	7%
Tolls by Mail Fines/Fees (3)	\$ 349,121	5%
Overweight Fees (4)	\$ -	0%
Total Revenue	\$ 6,912,356	100%

Notes:

- (1) E-ZPass travel posted to an account for the month and Un-Used Commuter Trips
- (2) TBM Expected Revenue for the current month and latest revisions to estimates for prior months.
- (3) TBM Fines and Fees (Non-Sufficient Funds and Administration Fees) collected this period
- (4) DOT Highway Oversize Overweight Credentialing System Activity

2) Monthly Activity Report of the Executive Director

Dr. Alcantara reported on the Monthly Activity Report, noting no expenditures for the month.

ENGINEERING:

1) Systemwide Paver Placed Surface Treatment & Chip Seal – BA-2024-RE-110-CM

Mr. Wright explained to the Board that the Authority's Capital Program had \$5 million dollars earmarked for paving at Mid-Hudson and Kingston-Rhinecliff in 2023 and 2024. A majority of this work was completed last year at a cost of roughly \$2 million. The Authority would like to utilize the same contractor, on OGS contract, to complete the remainder of the paving. This will include resurfacing the Empire State Trail across the KRB and some miscellaneous paving at MHB. The Bridge Authority will handle all maintenance and protection of traffic for a substantial cost savings. The NYS OGS Contract #23334 PC70336 holder for this work is Gorman Construction of Albany, New York. They will be utilized for chip seal and paver placed surface treatment (PPST) and bundle the two projects together. They have provided the Authority with a quote of \$252,675.50 to perform this work at the two facilities. Work at Kingston will include chip sealing the 4' asphalt walkway between the concrete barriers on the bridge itself. Work at Mid-Hudson will include micro milling, vacuum sweeping prior to paving, placing the PPST and temporary striping. The Office of General Services set a 0% goal for MWBE and SDVOB for this award, thus none of the vendors awarded the contract by OGS are MWBE nor SDVOB. However, Gorman Construction will be utilizing a WBE trucking company for portions of the project. Chair McDonald called for a motion. On a motion of Vice-Chair Bruni, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 024-076

Resolution Date: August 20, 2024

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority determined it is in the interest of public safety to resurface the Empire Trail at the Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge and complete some miscellaneous paving at the Mid-Hudson Bridge due to accelerating deterioration, as BA-2024-RE-110-CM "System-Wide Paver Placed Surface Treatment and Chip Seal"; and

WHEREAS, Gorman Construction of Albany, New York; is the NYSOGS contract holder for paver placed surface treatment (PPST) under Contract #23334 PC70336; and

WHEREAS, Gorman Construction has provided the Authority's Engineering and Maintenance department a cost proposal totaling \$252,657.50 to complete this work at the two facilities, including chip sealing the 4' asphalt walkway between the concrete barriers on the Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge and micro milling, vacuum sweeping prior to paving, placing the PPST and temporary striping at the Mid-Hudson Bridge; and

WHEREAS, the Authority's Engineering and Maintenance department has reviewed and approved said price quotation; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the New York State Bridge Authority approve issuing a purchase order to Gorman Construction in an amount not-to-exceed \$252,657.50; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director, or her designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary measures to implement this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 20th day of August 2024.

Jennifer Rosso, Secretary

2) BMB Deck Replacement – Design BA-2024-RE-105-DE

Mr. Wright indicated to the Board that the Authority advertised this project in the NYS Contract Reporter to analyze and design the deck replacement of the Bear Mountain Bridge. Twenty-five (25) firms, including primes, sub-consultants, M/WBE and SDVOB firms, requested the proposal package with proposals due on Thursday, July 18, 2024. M/WBE goals were set at 30% and SDVOB goals at 6%. Three (3) submissions were received. All three proposers then provided an oral presentation. After a thorough review of the technical and cost proposals by the scoring committee, Mr. Wright recommended Thornton Tomasetti as the best qualified to perform this design work, based on their scoring matrix, at a cost not-to-exceed \$2,891,245.19. The firm is prepared to meet utilization goals and he is confident they can complete this design assignment. Chair McDonald called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Gilbert, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, Chair McDonald called for a roll call vote. All Commissioners voted aye unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 024-077

Resolution Date: August 20, 2024

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority has determined it is in the public interest to award a contract for professional design services in connection with the Bear Mountain Bridge “Deck Replacement – Design” designated as BA-2024-RE-105-DE; and

WHEREAS, the Authority publicly advertised this opportunity in the New York State Contract Reporter with proposals due July 18th, 2024; and

WHEREAS, three (3) firms submitted their technical and cost proposals; and

WHEREAS, after viewing presentations from each proposer and a thorough review and scoring of the proposals by the Authority’s scoring committee, it has been determined that Thornton Tomasetti of New York, New York is best qualified to perform the required professional services and proposed meeting the utilization goals of 30% M/WBE and 6% SDVOB; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the New York State Bridge Authority authorizes a professional design services contract be issued to Thornton Tomasetti to provide these services at a not-to-exceed cost of \$2,891,245.19; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director, or her designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary measures to implement this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 20th day of August, 2024.

Jennifer Rosso, Secretary

3) System-Wide Telecom Consultant – Dark Fiber Leasing Agent 1st One Year Contract Extension

Mr. Wright informed the Board that in September 2021, the Board of Commissioners approved a professional services contract with Broadband Consulting to serve as our dark fiber leasing agent. Broadband has represented the Authority since 2012 under professional service agreements that have been renewed several times since then and has secured fiber leasing agreements worth over \$5 million to date. Their current three-year term agreement, with an option to extend for two additional one-year periods, expires September 14, 2024. Mr. Wright would like to exercise the first one-year extension option. Broadband negotiates dark fiber lease agreements, band width data services and researches and secures new customer opportunities for the Authority's leasing program. The Authority has the following dark fiber stands available at each facility, along with the number currently leased:

Rip Van Winkle Bridge: 144 total strands
96 strands leased

Kingston-Rhinecliff: We are in the process of attracting customers to facilitate a fiber network at this location

Mid-Hudson: 432 total strands
144 strands leased

Newburgh-Beacon: 432 total strands
156 strands leased

Bear Mountain: 432 total strands
168 strands leased

Mr. Wright recommended to the Board to extend our agreement with Broadband Consulting of Wilmington, North Carolina for the first one-year term, September 14, 2024 through September 13, 2025 and at the hourly rate of \$150.00 and 5% of recurring revenues over the duration of the contract period between the Authority and the lessee, and 2% on the total value of any contract renewal, as per the terms of the current contract. The total not to exceed amount shall be \$75,000 for the one-year extension. Chair McDonald called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Gilbert, Chair McDonald called for a roll call vote. All Commissioners voted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 024-078

Resolution Date: August 20, 2024

WHEREAS, leasing excess dark fiber optic strands, negotiating favorable fiber optic agreements and researching and securing new customer opportunities are in the best interest of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with its procurement policy, the Authority publicly advertised and bid for the professional services of a consultant with experience in this specialized industry to assist in these complex activities as “System-Wide Telecom Consultant Services” (BA-2021-RO-111-ES) and two (2) bids were received on September 3rd, 2021; the most qualified vendor being Broadband Consulting Services at an hourly rate of \$150.00 and 5% of recurring revenues over the duration of the contract period between the customer and the Authority and 2% on the total value of any contract renewal; and

WHEREAS, the three (3) year term contract allows for two (2) one-year extensions and Broadband Consulting’s base contract expires on September 14, 2024, it is recommended that the Authority exercise the option to extend for the first year; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorizes extending the professional services agreement issued to Broadband Consulting Services, of Wilmington, NC, from September 14, 2024 through September 13, 2025, to provide these specialized services at a not-to-exceed cost of \$75,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director, or her designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary measures to implement this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 20th day of August 2024.

Jennifer Rosso, Secretary

4) System-Wide Load Rating Updates – Extra Work – BA-2022-OE-108-ES

Mr. Wright explained that as part of Modjeski and Masters' General Consultant agreement, the Board approved the Mid-Hudson Bridge and Approach Level 1 Load Rating at their April 2022 meeting for \$238,258.27. The load ratings are nearly complete; however, the following additional work was required:

- Repair details for the Rinaldi Blvd., RR Arch and Rt. 9 SB load deficient members
- Additional elements not in the original scope of work, that need to be rated
- The AASHTOWARE BrR software originally proposed for the load ratings was unable to handle several elements due to software issues and multiple models had to be created in order to load rate the unique framing.

M and M's scope of work and cost proposals for the extra work are \$33,818.01 for the repair details noted in the first bullet and \$31,736.04 for rating additional elements and creating multiple models due to AASHTOWARE BrR software issues noted in the second and third bullets. The scope of work and the total for the extra work of \$65,554.05 are detailed in the back-up that was included in the Board Package. Chair McDonald called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Gilbert, Chair McDonald call for a roll call vote. All Commissioners voted aye unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 024-079

Resolution Date: August 20, 2024

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the travelling public to update the load ratings of the Authority's spans, in accordance with directives from the Federal Highway Administration and NYS Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, Modjeski and Masters, the Authority's General Consultant, is updating these Level 1 and Group 2 load ratings as the following assignments: Assignment 1: System-Wide Emergency Vehicle Rating Updates and Assignment 2: Mid-Hudson Bridge and Approach Level 1 Load Rating, as BA-2022-OE-108-ES System-Wide Load Rating Updates and their cost proposal of \$238,258.27 to perform these services was approved at the April 2022 Board meeting; and

WHEREAS, the load ratings are nearly complete, the following additional work was required: repair details for the Rinaldi Blvd., Railroad Arch and Rt. 9 SB load deficient numbers, additional elements not previously rated had to be included and the AASHTOWARE BrR Software originally proposed for load ratings was unable to handle several elements requiring multiple models be created to load rate the unique framing, resulting in an additional cost of \$65,554.05; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the New York State Bridge Authority approve the additional work in the amount of \$65,554.05; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director, or her designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary measures to implement this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 20th day of August 2024.

Jennifer Rosso, Secretary

5) Rinaldi Blvd. /Railroad Arch Emergency Repairs – BA-2023-RE-112-DE

Mr. Wright indicated to the Board that in September 2023, the Board authorized Modjeski and Masters (M and M), our General Consultant (GC), as a Supplemental Agreement under their current GC contract, to prepare repair details for the end floor beam at the Rinaldi Blvd./Railroad Arch structure at the east approach to the Mid-Hudson Bridge. M and M's proposed cost of \$99,772.27 was approved. As construction has begun, there is a need for Quality Assurance inspections of the fracture critical steel members in the fabrication shop, as well as weld submittal reviews. These inspections are required as part of the NYS Steel Construction Manual. Mr. Wright respectfully asked the Board to consider this new Scope of Work, which is part of Modjeski and Masters' proposed cost of \$47,130.40 and was included in the Board package. Chair McDonald called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Berardi, seconded Commissioner O'Brien, Chair McDonald asked for roll call vote. All Commissioners voted aye unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 024-080

Resolution Date: August 20, 2024

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority had determined it is in the interest of public safety to award a professional services agreement for the design of the "Rinaldi Boulevard/Railroad Arch Bridge Repair" project at the Mid-Hudson Bridge as (BA-2023-RE-112-DE); and

WHEREAS, the Authority's Engineering department had determined that our General Consultant, Modjeski and Masters, under their current term agreement, was uniquely qualified to handle this project at an approved cost of \$99,772.27; and

WHEREAS, as construction has now begun, Quality Assurance inspections of the fracture critical steel members, as well as weld submittal reviews, are necessary and required as part of the NYS Steel Construction Manual, resulting in an additional Scope of Work and cost of \$47,130.40; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that Board of Commissioners of the New York State Bridge Authority authorize this additional work in the amount of \$47,130.40 for Modjeski and Masters of Poughkeepsie, New York to provide these services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director, or her designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary measures to implement this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 20th day of August 2024.

Jennifer Rosso, Secretary

6) System-Wide Pier Protection Study – Modjeski & Masters Assignment under General Contract Agreement – BA-2024-RE-109-ES

In 2002, NYSBA performed a Pier Protection study. This year, following the catastrophic bridge collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge, the Authority has deemed it necessary to complete a more up-to-date study by the end of Fiscal Year 2024, in alignment with how other NY transportation entities are learning from this tragic event. To accomplish this goal, NYSBA publicly advertised and bid this project to update the study and develop a conceptual design of system-wide pier protection on five of our six Hudson River crossings in early July of this year. Eighteen consultants requested the RFP package, however, no bids were received. To meet the deadline, Mr. Wright respectfully recommended to assign this project to Modjeski and Masters as a Supplemental Agreement, under their current General Consultant contract with the Authority. The Engineering department has reviewed and approved their cost proposal of \$480,000.00, which was included in the Board package. Chair McDonald called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Gilbert, Chair McDonald called for a roll call vote. All Commissioners voted aye unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 024-081

Resolution Date: August 20, 2024

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority has determined it is in the interest of security to award a Supplemental Agreement for a professional services contract for "System-Wide Pier Protection Study", originally publicly advertised and bid as BA-2024-RE-109-ES; and

WHEREAS, the Authority received no bids for the project and the work is time sensitive, the Authority's Engineering department has determined that our General Consultant, Modjeski and Masters, under their current term agreement, is uniquely qualified to perform this study; and

WHEREAS, the Authority's Engineering department has reviewed and approved their Scope of Work and cost proposal; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the New York State Bridge Authority award a Supplemental Agreement to Modjeski and Masters, of Poughkeepsie, New York, to provide professional services at a not-to-exceed cost of \$480,000.00 ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director, or her designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary measures to implement this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 20th day of August 2024.

Jennifer Rosso, Secretary

7) Jobs in Progress Monthly Report

Mr. Wright reported that the Bear Mountain Bridge Tower Painting project is on schedule and blasting and painting at the East Tower joint is soon to be completed. They will then move to West Tower joint. The Mid-Hudson Bridge East Approach Rehab Design is moving into preliminary phase, with construction scheduled for 2025 and 2026. The Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge Approach Painting is completed on the west end and is moving to east end. All projects are on-time and within budget. Chair McDonald called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Gilbert, Chair McDonald called for a roll call vote. All Commissioners voted aye unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 024-082

Resolution Date: August 20, 2024

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the monthly Engineering Progress Report on Capital Project Status; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Engineering Progress Report is accepted as an instrument documenting the Board's briefing of Capital Construction activities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director, or her designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary measures to implement this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 20th day of August 2024.

Jennifer Rosso, Secretary

FINANCIAL:

1) Investment Report

Mr. Bushek reviewed the monthly Investment Report, noting twelve investments for the month, all of a routine nature. Chair McDonald called for a motion. On a motion of Vice Chair Bruni and seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, Chair McDonald called for a roll call vote. All Commissioners voted aye unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 024-083

Resolution Date: August 18, 2024

WHEREAS, the investment control procedures for the New York State Bridge Authority require the Board to review and approve the report of investment transactions completed since the meeting of the Board on July 18, 2024; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the New York State Bridge Authority does hereby concur with and approve the investment report as filed with this body on this date for the purpose noted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director, or their designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary measures to implement this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 20th day of August, 2024.

Jennifer Rosso, Secretary

COMMAND CENTER:

1) TRANSCOM Open Reach Assessment 2024

Ms. Mass informed the Board that TRANSCOM Open Reach program is a web interface whereby NYSBA Command Center Administrators can log into the TRANSCOM regional conditions database. This system allows member agencies to enter traffic and road conditions that may affect the travelling public throughout the region, including on NYSBA facilities. Additionally, it allows the Authority to receive notifications of and monitor events which occur throughout the area that can impact traffic crossing our facilities. A fee is assessed upon each member agency annually for maintenance, operation, and expansion of the system. Included in the Board package invoice for the Authority's 2024 share of the TRANSCOM Open Reach program. TRANSCOM estimates the Authority's share this year to be \$ 18,094.00. Ms. Mass recommended to the Board to approve payment of \$ 18,094.00 to TRANSCOM. Chair McDonald called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Gilbert, Chair McDonald called for a roll call vote. All Commissioners voted aye unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 024-084

Resolution Date: August 20, 2024

WHEREAS, the Authority Board has reviewed the memorandum regarding the annual assessment for Transcom's Open Reach interface; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves payment for the 2023 Annual Open Reach assessment in the amount of \$18,094.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director, or their designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary measures to implement this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 20th day of August 2024.

Jennifer Rosso, Secretary

Electronic Tolling & Toll Audit:

1) NYS Thruway Authority – Invoice# 112 February 2024 E-ZPass & Cashless Tolling Expenses

Mr. Weiss reviewed the invoices from the New York State Thruway Authority for February 2024 Bridge Authority E-ZPass and Cashless Tolling expenses. Mr. Weiss finds the amount of \$782,998.16 to be true and accurate for the month of February. Chair McDonald recused herself from voting on this item. Chair McDonald called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Gilbert, Chair McDonald called for a roll call vote. The following resolution was adopted by the majority with one abstention.

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 024-085

Resolution Date: August 20, 2024

WHEREAS, the Memorandum of Understanding, dated April 29, 2009, states that the Bridge Authority agrees to reimburse the NYS Thruway Authority for E-ZPass related costs it incurs which are determined as chargeable to the Bridge Authority; and

WHEREAS, E-ZPass related costs resulting from 1,826,488 transactions during the month of February 2024 in the amount of \$473,206.43 and equaling a cost of 26 cents per transaction have been confirmed as chargeable to the Bridge Authority; and

WHEREAS, the first amendment to this Memorandum of Understanding which has been previously approved by the Board of Commissioners of the New York State Bridge Authority, Resolution Number 021-071, on June 17, 2021, states that the Bridge Authority agrees to reimburse the NYS Thruway Authority for Tolls by Mail (Cashless Tolling) related costs it incurs which are determined as chargeable to the Bridge Authority; and

WHEREAS, Cashless Tolling related costs resulting from 486,005 transactions during the month of February 2024 in the amount of \$309,791.73 and equaling a cost of 64 cents per transaction have been confirmed as chargeable to the Bridge Authority; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the New York State Bridge Authority approves payment to the NYS Thruway Authority in the amount not to exceed \$782,998.16; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director, or her designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary measures to implement this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 20th day of August 2024.

Jennifer Rosso, Secretary

Chair McDonald asked for a motion to adjourn. On a motion of Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Vice Chair Bruni, and approved unanimously, the Regular meeting adjourned at 10:38 A.M.

The next Regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. at the NYSBA Headquarters.