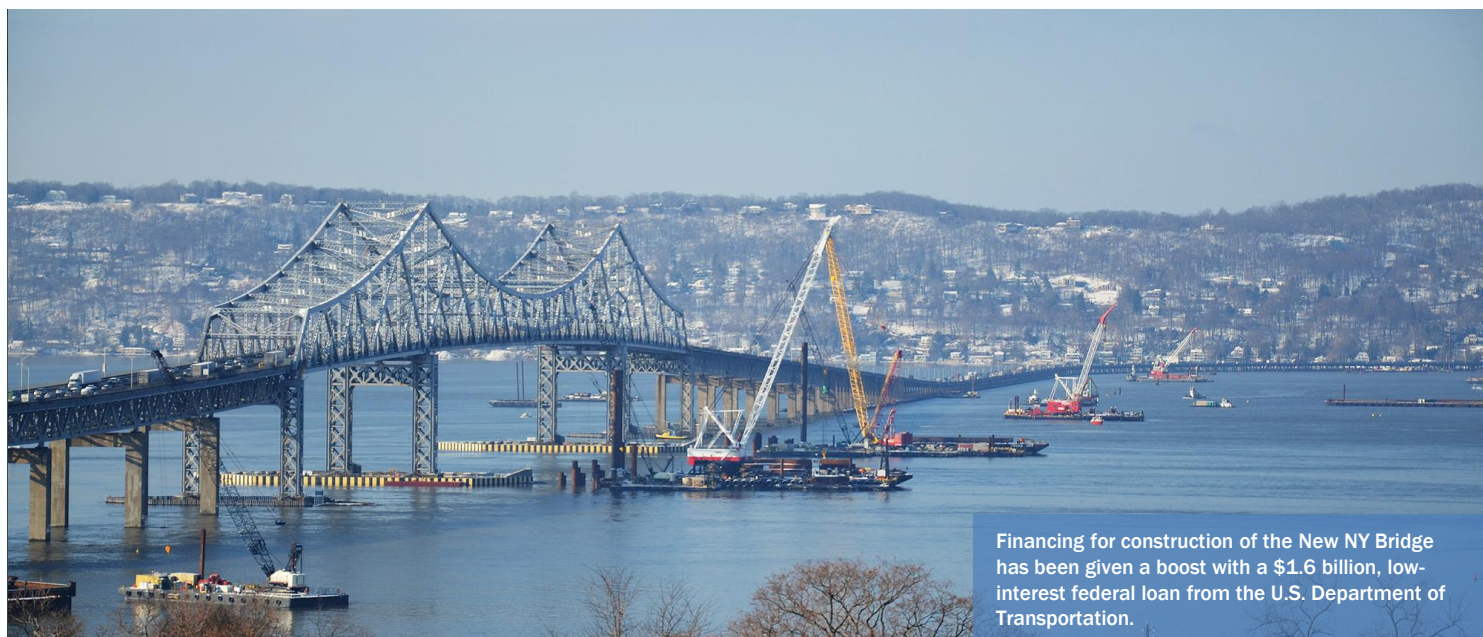


Newsletter

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Financing for construction of the New NY Bridge has been given a boost with a \$1.6 billion, low-interest federal loan from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

New NY Bridge Receives Record Federal Loan

ON THURSDAY, DEC. 19, 2013, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced the New York State Thruway Authority and the U.S. Department of Transportation closed on a record-setting \$1.6 billion low-interest federal loan for the New NY Bridge Project. The loan, which comes from the federal Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) program, will finance a portion of the \$3.9 billion bridge project. It carries an interest rate of 3.89 percent, and very favorable repayment terms that will help keep future tolls on the new bridge as low as possible.

The TIFIA program provides credit assistance for qualified projects of regional and national significance. This loan is the largest awarded in TIFIA history.

"The closing of this historic TIFIA loan from the federal government is yet another milestone in our journey to build the New NY Bridge," [Governor Cuomo](#) said. "After more than a decade of delay,

we have worked closely with the federal government to move this project forward at a dramatic pace with an unprecedented level of transparency and community involvement."

In addition to TIFIA loan funding, the Thruway Authority continues to seek additional financial support from federal, state, and local sources to reduce costs for toll payers. Governor Cuomo has called for the creation of a Toll and Finance Task Force to look at possible additional sources of revenue and consider overall toll rates as well as potential discounts for commuters and local residents.

Under Governor Cuomo's leadership and with the support of President Barack Obama and the federal government, the New NY Bridge project has progressed to actual construction in just two years. Physical completion of the New NY Bridge is scheduled for April 2018.

BY THE NUMBERS

\$1.6B

The federal Department of Transportation awarded the New NY Bridge project a low-interest loan of up to \$1.6 billion, the largest TIFIA loan in the department's history.

41

TZC currently has 41 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise firms working on the project. (See Page 5)

58

Dec. 15, 2013, marked the 58th anniversary of the Tappan Zee Bridge opening.

600

The New NY Bridge has already created approximately 600 jobs in the lower Hudson Valley, with many more to come. (See Page 4)

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To learn more, visit E-ZPassNY.com, or stop by one of the New NY Bridge Community Outreach Centers to buy an E-ZPass® On-the-Go tag today:

Westchester Outreach Center
303 South Broadway, Tarrytown, NY 10591
Rockland Outreach Center
142 Main St., Nyack, NY 10960
Or call 1-855-TZBRIDGE

Get Your E-ZPass® “On-the-Go” At the New NY Bridge Community Outreach Centers

Going bobsledding in Lake Placid this winter? Planning a trip to the North Pole – North Pole, New York, that is? Or perhaps you’re starting a new commute that includes toll-bridge crossings. Before you take to the road, stop by one of the Thruway Authority’s New NY Bridge Community Outreach Centers to buy E-ZPass® On-the-Go.

E-ZPass® is an electronic toll collection system. Drivers establish an account, prepay tolls, and attach a small electronic tag to their vehicle’s windshield. Tolls are automatically deducted from the prepaid account as the driver passes through the toll lane. E-ZPass® customers get a discount on every Thruway toll they pay; additional commuter and carpool

discounts are also available.

The Thruway Authority began selling E-ZPass® On-the-Go at the New NY Bridge Outreach Centers in Rockland and Westchester counties in September.

Drivers can purchase their prepackaged account kit for \$25, mount the tag in their vehicle, and begin using E-ZPass® right away. On-the-Go purchasers simply need to visit E-ZPassNY.com, or call this toll-free number: 800-697-1554, within 48 hours of the first use of the tag to register the tag. The first \$15 is available immediately, and the full \$25 is available once the device is registered online.

The New NY Bridge will accept E-ZPass® in all lanes.

SNAPSHOTS FROM HISTORY

1950

Before the Tappan Zee Bridge was built in **1955**, commuters used ferryboats to cross the Hudson River or relied on the already crowded bridges and tunnels owned by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

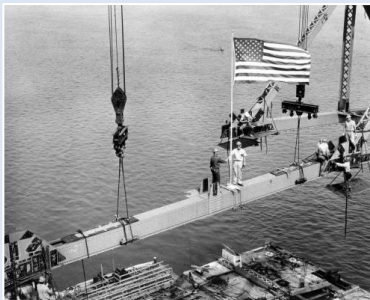
1951

A bridge connecting Westchester County to the New York State Thruway in Rockland County was proposed in **1950**. The bridge was originally proposed to go from Dobbs Ferry to Piermont.

1952

Construction of the Tappan Zee Bridge, which was delayed by steel shortages brought on by the Korean War, began in **March 1952**.

1953



The Tappan Zee Bridge is supported by eight underwater caissons. All eight concrete caissons were built at Haverstraw Bay and floated to the bridge site, the first of which arrived on **Oct. 13, 1953**.

1954

1955

The bridge opened on **Dec. 15, 1955**, along with a 28-mile addition to the Thruway from Yonkers to Suffern.

1956

On **Feb. 28, 1956**, Governor W. Averell Harriman signed a bill naming the structure the **Tappan Zee Bridge** — honoring the state’s Tappan Native Americans with the first part of the name and the region’s Dutch heritage with the Dutch word for sea, “Zee.”





The New NY Bridge Inspires Future Builders

OVER THE PAST YEAR, representatives from the Thruway Authority and Tappan Zee Constructors, LLC (TZC) have met with local school districts to bring the New NY Bridge project to life in classrooms around the lower Hudson Valley. With assistance from local educators, the New NY Bridge team has drafted a plan to engage students on the many different facets of the megaproject.

"The educational outreach program is an opportunity for the project to share a wealth of knowledge and experience with young people and educational groups throughout the Hudson Valley," said Brian Conybeare, special advisor to the Governor for the New NY Bridge project.

At recent outreach events, students, teachers, and parents learned in depth about the early design-build stages of the project. The team met with fourth, fifth, and sixth-graders, high school students, and parent and teacher groups in the region to give them a glimpse at what it

takes to design and build a big bridge. The presentations covered the need to replace the existing structure, the environmental mitigation program, and the equipment, technology, and resources needed to complete the project. The team also described how students can start planning today for careers as technicians and professionals who will build the bridges of the future.

"We really want to inspire the next generation of the industry with this program," Conybeare said. "We hope to pique students' interest in the many facets of the project and inspire some of them to become builders themselves someday. We also want students to understand the many career opportunities available on an infrastructure undertaking of this magnitude. Not only are architects and design and construction engineers needed, there are technicians, legal and safety professionals, communications specialists, and much more."



(Above) Brian Conybeare presenting the New NY Bridge project to students from Cottage Lane Elementary School in Blauvelt, N.Y.



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– Brian Conybeare

Special Advisor to the Governor, New NY Bridge project

Teachers and parents interested in more information about the program should send requests to:

Info@NewNYBridge.com





New NY Bridge Team at Work in the Community

The Thruway Authority and TZC employees are donating their time, talent, and food to our local communities during the holiday season.

On Dec. 8, the New NY Bridge project staff joined members of Tarrytown's Jewish Community Center (JCC) on the Hudson to build an eight-foot food replica of the New NY Bridge (pictured above). Using nonperishable food items donated by the JCC community, TZC, and Stop & Shop, the builders affixed boxed, bottled, wrapped, and canned foods to a plywood model of the design for the new structure. Strips of dried sausage were used to replicate bridge cables, and cars were rendered as fruit jars. Food bridge builders included Brian Conybeare, special advisor to the Governor for the New NY Bridge project, and Frank Hassid, MSW, executive director of [JCC on the Hudson](#).

"Particularly during this time of the year, we're delighted to be part of this community endeavor and proud that the New NY Bridge was chosen for this project," said Conybeare.

Throughout December, the New NY Bridge team will be collecting food and grocery store gift cards for local food banks. In partnership with the Food Bank for Westchester, team members will also visit the food bank in Elmsford, N.Y., to help sort and pack goods for distribution

to our neighbors in need.

Donations on behalf of Rockland County's People to People, Inc., food pantry will also be accepted at the project's Outreach Center in Nyack.

This holiday season, the food banks are collecting:

- **Stuffing mix**
- **Cornbread or corn muffin mix**
- **Cranberry sauce**
- **Boxed macaroni and cheese**
- **Canned or powdered gravy**
- **Canned green beans, mixed vegetables, and corn**
- **Instant mashed potatoes**
- **Canned sweet potatoes**
- **Cake mix and pie filling**
- **Canned and dried fruit**
- **Juice (no glass bottles)**

The food banks are also collecting \$20 and \$25 gift cards from grocery stores throughout the region — including A&P, Balducci's, Fairway, Pathmark, ShopRite, and Stop & Shop — for purchasing turkeys and hams. The New NY Bridge team hopes to inspire everyone who is able to "give back" this season to participate in the food drive or give to the charity of their choice. If you would like to contribute to the New NY Bridge food relief effort, please leave your donation at one of our Outreach Centers located in Tarrytown and Nyack.

Governor Cuomo Inspects Start of New NY Bridge Construction

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo toured the New NY Bridge construction site in November to see firsthand the progress of the new structure that will replace the Tappan Zee Bridge.

Governor Cuomo met with Thruway Authority Executive Director Thomas Madison, Project Manager Peter Sanderson, Special Advisor to the Governor Brian Conybeare, and Tappan Zee Constructors, LLC (TZC) President Darrell Waters and Vice President Walter Reichert to tour the site and inspect the start of formal construction.

"This afternoon, I took a tour of the construction to inspect the tremendous progress that has been made, and I am pleased to report that I am confident that the New NY Bridge project, arguably the most ambitious infrastructure project the state has undertaken in decades, will deliver a new bridge on budget and on schedule for the taxpayers and the lower Hudson Valley community," Governor Cuomo said following last month's visit to the site.

The project is currently on budget and on schedule, and has already helped grow the local economy by creating nearly 600 jobs and benefiting 500 companies, regionally and nationally.

Formal construction began on Oct. 16 with the installation of permanent piles, which will constitute the foundation of the new bridge. Pile installation will continue for 12 – 18 months. The project is scheduled for completion in April 2018.



Governor Cuomo leaves his signature on one of the very first pilings on the New NY Bridge.



Upcoming Meetings

Monthly Business Orientation

Wed., January 8, 2014

10:00-11:00 a.m.

TZC, LLC Design-Build Office

555 White Plains Rd., 4th Fl.
Tarrytown, N.Y. 10591

DBE, local, and other businesses who attend the monthly orientation will hear from the TZC team about the following topics:

- TZC's Procurement Process
- How TZC Will Keep DBEs Informed
- Steps To Do Business With TZC
- Where To Get Assistance
- 90-Day Contract Look Ahead

To register for the event

Email: RSVP@TZC-LLC.com

TZC to Host Monthly Business Orientations With Focus on 'DBE' Firms

Tappan Zee Constructors, LLC (TZC) will host targeted monthly orientation meetings to help disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) firms better understand how to do business with the TZC team. The orientations will also be a great vehicle for businesses to meet with members of the TZC team.

TZC will also re-launch its website in early 2014, with a focus on how small local businesses, particularly DBEs, can gain access to procurement opportunities on the New NY Bridge design-build project and learn how to do business with TZC.

A DBE is a for-profit business that is at least 51 percent owned by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals (i.e., women or racial/ethnic minorities). There are more than 1,700 firms certified as DBEs by the State of New York. These firms, along with about 300 DBEs certified in other states, are currently registered in TZC's vendor database, which TZC is using to identify firms to support the project.

To ensure non-discrimination, create a level playing field, and help remove barriers that affect participation of DBEs in federally assisted contracts like the New NY Bridge project, the Thruway Authority has set a 10 percent DBE goal

for the project totaling \$314 million. TZC has finalized its plan to meet the DBE goal requirement, which was recently approved by the Thruway Authority. To date, 41 of the 123 firms working on the project site are DBEs.

TZC wants to help firms find opportunities that best fit their service area so they can be best positioned for success. To this end, TZC will send to all registered vendors a monthly email notification titled "TZC Contract Opportunities" that will provide information on upcoming contract opportunities on the project, including specific work scopes being sought by TZC in the near term. Monthly advertisements will be placed in local newspapers circulated in Rockland and Westchester counties, as well as in select trade publications, to further communicate opportunities. Based on the information provided, firms can respond by letting TZC know that they are ready, willing, and able to fulfill specific project scopes. A formal procurement process will then commence that will include firms providing the services needed by TZC.

For more information on subcontracting opportunities, certification, and registering as a vendor, visit TappanZeeConstructors.com.

COLOSSUS OF CONSTRUCTION — AMERICA'S FAMOUS — FLOATING CRANE

It takes a big crane to build a big bridge. One of the most famous — and largest — floating cranes in the world, the Left Coast Lifter, is setting sail soon from its current home in California on a 6,000-mile trek through the Panama Canal to work on the New NY Bridge.

The 400-foot-long crane, which normally resides in the San Francisco Bay where it was deployed to lift bridge segments for a new suspension span on the San Francisco -- Oakland Bridge, has been enlisted to help TZC erect the New NY Bridge. We will be posting regular updates about the giant craft and its trip on Twitter @NewNYBridge and the project website at NewNYBridge.com. Stay tuned.



Winter Travel Safety Tips

WINTER ROAD TRIPS can be safe and fun for everyone — but you need to be prepared. Whether you're planning on heading to the Adirondacks to go ice skating on Lake George or skiing on Gore Mountain, or to New York City to ring in the New Year, it is vital to be mindful of potential seasonal hazards along the way.

To help you travel safely, here are a few tips for safe winter driving:

KEEP ALERT

In cold weather, road conditions can be perilous, even without visible snow or ice. It is critical to stay alert, follow posted speed limits, and be prepared to slow down or stop to account for hazards ahead. In work zones, such as at the construction site of the New NY Bridge project, orange cones will be placed on the roadway to guide traffic safely. Remember: Drivers who violate posted construction work zone regulations are subject to a \$600 fine, up to 30 days in jail, or both, in New York State.

KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

Leave adequate distance between you and the vehicle ahead. On winter roads, especially during crowded holiday traffic, you may have to make several short stops, so it is best to leave space to allow for unexpected stops. (A good rule to follow is the two-second rule — count at least two seconds between the time the car ahead of you passes an object and when you pass that same object.) When you are stopped in traffic, you should also leave space between cars. And *never* pass on the shoulder or drive across the median. It is dangerous and illegal.

KEEP CALM

One of the best ways to ensure safe driving is to plan ahead and allow plenty of time to arrive at your destination. During any holiday season, there may be delays on popular highways. This is even more likely when weather conditions come into play. A special note of caution is in order when approaching a major construction



site, which can involve lane closures and traffic slow downs. Make sure you give yourself ample travel time, taking into account possible traffic congestion and lane closures, so you can travel safely and enjoy your winter road trip.

To learn about upcoming lane closures and other construction activities related to the project follow us on Twitter @NewNYBridge, or visit us at NewNYBridge.com.



FAQ OF THE MONTH

Q: Will the new bridge have mass transit?

A: The new bridge will have dedicated express bus lanes from the time it is fully opened. The new bridge is also being built with the structural capacity to handle commuter rail, light rail, or bus rapid transit (BRT). A Mass Transit Task Force is currently studying short, medium, and long-term options as well as potential funding sources. The task force is scheduled to make recommendations in early 2014.

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