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## **New York State Thruway Authority Transparency Plan Update**

### **More Transparent Bidding Process and Contract Awards**

Since 2022, the Thruway Authority broadcasts [live bid openings](#) for contractors to view bid results for projects advertised for letting as part of our Capital Plan. This process allows the Authority to manage and accept bids electronically and have the ability to publish the bid tabulations. We incorporate line item results into our database so bidders can query specific bidding items and obtain historical information to develop a more competitive bid. Along with reducing bidder and staff time to respond and process Authority bids, this is a more open and transparent process, and it is more advantageous from a pricing perspective for the Authority. In 2022 and 2023, the Authority broadcast 28 live bid [openings](#).

We post bid opportunities for all construction, engineering and purchasing contracts on our [website](#).

### **Publish Board Meeting Supporting Documents**

As an independent public authority, we are governed by a Board of Directors whose meetings are subject to the Open Meetings Law. Each Board Meeting is open to the public and must be duly noticed to the public and streamed live for viewing. Board meeting schedules are [published](#) for the entire year beginning in January.

Since 2022, the Authority publishes the Board Meeting Agenda, the board book supporting materials and all documents associated with the agenda, on the Authority's [website](#) one week ahead of the meeting. Additionally, the Media Advisory announcing the scheduled Board of Director's meeting is issued one week prior to the meeting and [posted](#) on the website.

### **Lighting Calendar and Requests for the Gov. Mario M. Cuomo Bridge**

Since 2022, the Authority has annually published a [lighting calendar](#) (with photos) on the bridge website that features more than 40 dates when the bridge will be lit with colors to commemorate major holidays or important moments. Additionally, the Authority has accepted [requests](#) from community organizations, Rockland and Westchester school districts and local municipalities via an online application on the website to light the bridge in specific colors to mark special events or causes. In 2023, the Authority accommodated more than two dozen public lighting requests, including honoring local high school boys' and girls' basketball teams that won state championships, marking line of duty deaths for police officers and a volunteer firefighter, and when Pace University women's lacrosse team won the national championship.

### **Legal**

- The Authority has processed [FOIL](#) requests within the timeframe as required by law. The Authority has posted the list of FOILs received and date of receipt on its [website](#). We have effectively eliminated the costs of providing documents to public because we provide electronic links to documents. Although Public Officers Law allows a 25 cent per page charge, it is rare that we charge.



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- The Authority has posted to its [website](#) a list of all lawsuits brought on behalf of the Authority and against the Authority and a list of real estate acquisitions and sales.

## **2024 Initiatives**

### **More Transparent Grant Opportunity Submissions and Awards**

Grant management is a complex, highly-detailed process that requires collaboration and input from different departments. The Authority has centralized grants management to take advantage of increased collaboration, convenience, and efficiency by syncing the process under the Strategic Center of Excellence (SCOE). To increase transparency, the Authority will share grant opportunities applied for, status, and outcome on its [website](#).

### **Training**

The Authority provides a wide variety of training opportunities to its employees. We host instructor-led (webinar and in-person) training classes on supervisory, employee development and Microsoft application topics; Self-paced training classes are available on demand as a supplement to instructor-led programs; Customized work unit workshops and training consultation and facilitation services are offered as requested; Resume review and mock employment interview sessions provided in addition to technical and safety training programs, a comprehensive Thruway Maintenance Worker training program and we facilitate the completion of the NYS Office of Employee Relation's annual mandatory training requirements.

The Thruway Authority has provided a compliance report to the New York State Office of Employee Relations (OER) for all 2023 mandatory training courses. This compliance report will be posted on the Authority's [website](#) by the end of February 2024.

### **Legal**

The Thruway Authority's Legal Department will on a monthly basis post a list of all amounts recovered from responsible parties for damages to Thruway Authority property on its [website](#).