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## **NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY EXPERIENCED HIGHEST TRAFFIC AND REVENUE FIGURES IN 2024**

*Traffic Surpassed Previous Pre-Pandemic Peak Record Set in 2019*

The New York State Bridge Authority (NYSBA) announced today that it achieved its highest-ever annual traffic volume and revenue in 2024, marking a historic milestone in its 92 years of operating bridges across the Hudson Valley. The traffic figures exceed pre-pandemic levels and underscore the essential role the Authority's infrastructure plays in regional mobility and economic vitality.

In 2024, over 64.4 million vehicles crossed the Authority's five vehicular bridges—an increase of 651,718 crossings (1%) compared to the previous record year, 2019, when over 63.8 million vehicle crossings were recorded.

The year also witnessed the highest revenue in the Authority's history. Tolls generated over \$82 million in revenue, an 8.3% increase from the previous record of over \$76 million in 2023. This funding has enabled NYSBA to fully support its ongoing capital improvement plan, offset rising repair costs, and maintain its bridges to the highest standards—ensuring safe, smooth travel for the tens of millions of passengers who rely on them each year. Nearly all of the Authority's operating budget is funded through these toll revenues collected.

The Bridge Authority continues to maintain some of the lowest tolls in the nation. In May 2023, it completed the most recent incremental toll adjustment. As a result, 2024 was the first full calendar year operating under the updated rates: \$1.65 for E-ZPass customers and \$2.15 for Tolls by Mail customers. Commercial vehicles pay higher rates. These adjustments have directly supported major infrastructure projects, most notably the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge re-decking project, which reached substantial completion in 2022.

While national bridge design guidelines estimate a typical service life of 75-years, the Bridge Authority has demonstrated that with proper maintenance, sound capital planning, and fiscal discipline, bridges can be preserved indefinitely. Three of its bridges—Rip Van Winkle, Mid-Hudson, and Bear Mountain—are now over 90 years old and remain in excellent structural condition, often outperforming younger bridges across

the country. This longevity reflects the outstanding work of the Bridge Authority's dedicated maintenance teams.

"We are grateful to see traffic return to pre-COVID levels," said **NYSBA Executive Director Dr. Minosca Alcantara**. "These bridges are critical to the Hudson Valley's economy, connectivity, vitality and quality of life. It is especially meaningful to achieve this milestone in 2024, the centennial year of the Bear Mountain Bridge—the first vehicular crossing over the Hudson River south of Albany. Our team is committed to ensuring that these bridges continue to serve the region for generations to come."

### 2024 Traffic and Revenue by Bridge

Bridge	Traffic	Revenue
Rip Van Winkle Bridge	6,354,938	\$6,983,738
Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge	8,182,164	\$8,547,258
Mid-Hudson Bridge	14,216,266	\$14,305,589
Newburgh-Beacon Bridge	28,494,216	\$45,584,867
Bear Mountain Bridge	7,219,764	\$7,068,241
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>64,467,348</b>	<b>\$82,489,693</b>

Complete traffic and revenue data, including historical figures, is available on the Bridge Authority's [website](#).

Since setting its previous traffic record in 2019, the Authority has implemented several improvements for the benefit of its customers. Chief among them was the successful transition to cashless tolling, completed between 2021 and 2022. This upgrade has led to reduced greenhouse gas emissions and more efficient travel. NYSBA also substantially completed the deck replacement on the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge's north span in 2022, months ahead of schedule.

In November 2024, NYSBA celebrated a major milestone: the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bear Mountain Bridge, an event that highlighted the enduring legacy and engineering excellence of its crossings. Looking ahead, toll revenues will continue to support essential capital projects, including the upcoming deck replacement at the Bear Mountain Bridge.

### About the New York State Bridge Authority

The New York State Bridge Authority operates the Bear Mountain, Newburgh-Beacon, Mid-Hudson, Kingston-Rhinecliff and Rip Van Winkle Bridges. It also owns and maintains the structure of the Walkway Over the Hudson pedestrian bridge. The Authority receives no maintenance or operating funding through state or federal tax dollars, with nearly all of its revenue coming through tolls. Tolls are reinvested back into capital improvements on the Authority's spans, ensuring these critical pieces of infrastructure can continue serving the Hudson Valley for decades to come.

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