

NASSAU COUNTY BRIDGE AUTHORITY MISSION STATEMENT AND PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS

Name of the Public Authority: Nassau County Bridge Authority

Public Authority's Mission Statement: The Nassau County Bridge Authority is a public benefit corporation created by the New York State Legislature in 1945 (L.1945, C. 893). The primary purposes of the original legislation were to finance by means of user tolls the construction, maintenance and operation of a new drawbridge across Reynolds Channel between the Villages of Atlantic Beach and Lawrence an to replace an antiquated bridge that had become inadequate to accommodate the post war surge in motor vehicle and commercial shipping traffic. Construction began on the second Atlantic Beach Bridge in 1950 and it opened in May 1952.

The primary goal of the Nassau County Bridge Authority is to efficiently operate and thoroughly maintain the Atlantic Beach Bridge for safe and secure passage of its users. Title and interest in the bridge structure and adjacent real estate maintained by the Authority are held in the name of the County of Nassau.

Date Adopted: August 22, 2023

List and Measurements of Performance Goals:

On November 2022 The Board of Commissioners of the Nassau County Bridge Authority approved a Toll Increase effective January 1, 2023 to cover costs for upcoming major capital infrastructure projects. Tolls had not been raised since January 1, 2007, roughly 17 years. Historically tolls were raised every 10 years.

The Authority's finances are separate and distinct from Nassau County's finances and budget. No general tax revenues or other monies from the County of Nassau are used to fund operation, maintenance or rehabilitation of any aspect of the Atlantic Beach Bridge.

Performance Goal Number 1: To refurbish and upgrade the existing Toll Plaza and Toll Booths for EZ Pass installation estimated cost of \$5 million, and to install and implement EZ Pass at the Atlantic Beach Bridge costing an additional \$5.5 million.

The upgrade and refurbishment of the Toll Plaza and existing Toll Booths are complete.

The implementation and installation of EZ Pass has commenced, with an estimated completion date of Fall 2023.

The Atlantic Beach Bridge is a bascule span and is currently rated a 5 out of a 7, per its required Biennial Inspection mandated by Federal Law and performed by Hardesty & Hanover, Consulting Engineers. In order to maintain a safe bridge and its current rating of a 5, the following capital improvements are scheduled to be made as listed below in Performance Goals Number 2 to 5.

Performance Goal Number 2: To make concrete repairs to the Substructure Pile Bents and Abutments and Roadway Hatch Repairs over the Machinery Rooms over the Bascule Span.

Sealed bids were solicited for said contract work. The contract was awarded to the low bidder—Chesterfield Associates, Inc. for the sum of \$1,492,016.90. This work has commenced with an expected completion date of Winter 2023.

Performance Goal Number 3: To repair/ replace main storm drainage trunk line, manhole and catch basin on the southeast approach. This trunk line drains storm water from the southern bridge approach roadways and toll plaza roadway out into Reynolds Channel.

This contract was awarded to H&L Contracting for the sum of \$29,925.00 and is completed.

Performance Goal Number 4: To replace the existing timber bulkheads at the north and south sides of the bridge including the area surrounding the south end of the ball fields with either a benched back stone rip rap fill section or a new FRP/ vinyl sheet pile bulkhead wall

Bid specifications will be prepared so as to solicit sealed bids for this contract work, estimated cost of \$5 million as provided to the Authority by its Consulting Engineering, Hardesty & Hanover.

Performance Goal Number 5: To clean and paint the Bridge and its entire Span.

Bid specification for this project will be prepared once EZ Pass is implemented and fully functioning. Estimated cost for this project is \$6 million as provided to the Authority by its Consulting Engineers, Hardesty & Hanover.

Performance Goal Number 6: To refinance the Series 2010 Outstanding Revenue Bonds

The Board of Commissioners determined and approved that in the best interest of the Authority and its users, the refinancing of the Series 2010 Outstanding Revenue Bonds be executed. As such, this refinancing would bring the total interest payments down from an average of 5% to 4% for an approximate savings of \$1,105,693 savings with no extension of debt maturity. This refinancing was completed in August 7, 2023.

Additional Questions:

1. **Have the Board members acknowledged that they have read and understood the mission of the public authority?** Yes
2. **Who has the power to appoint the management of the public authority?** The Board of Commissioners of the Nassau County Bridge Authority has the power to appoint the management of the Authority.
3. **If the Board appoints management, do you have a policy you follow when appointing the management of the public authority?** Yes, as listed in the Nassau County Bridge Authority's Policy and Compliance Manual under the section entitled—Executive Management Policy.
4. **Briefly describe the role of the Board and the role of management in the implementation of the mission.**
The Board of Commissioners established all general policies governing its operations and through these operations, the Board of Commissioners works to fulfill its mission.

Any Management or Staff hired by the Board of Commissioners are responsible for the daily tasks as assigned for the safe upkeeping and operating of the Atlantic Beach Bridge and to achieve the Authority's mission.
5. **Has the Board acknowledged that they have read and understood the responses to each of these questions?** Yes