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MID-HUDSON BRIDGE NECKLACE LIGHTS REPLACEMENT PROJECT COMMENCES

Project Replaces Light Fixtures First Installed in 2001

Highland, N.Y. – The New York State Bridge Authority (NYSBA) announced today that the popular necklace lights on the Mid-Hudson Bridge will soon be replaced with new fixtures. The necklace lights along the suspension cables are lit in different colors in commemoration of holidays as well as local and statewide events. The project begins on April 3 and is expected to wrap up sometime in May.

The necklace lights were first installed in 2001 and the fixtures have reached the end of their useful life. The original power cables and mount brackets will be retained during this project. The old light fixtures will be removed and the necklace lights on the bridge will be off once installation begins on April 3. The Mid-Hudson Bridge will be unable to participate in special lighting events while the project is underway.

The lights have been procured from MagniFlood, Inc., who produced the original lights, with installation being done by Piasecki Steel Construction Corp. The project comes at a total cost of \$429,750.00 and is part of the Authority's capital plan.

The New York State Bridge Authority (NYSBA) 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 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. Learn more at www.nysba.ny.gov.

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