

THRUWAY AUTHORITY

In addition to operating a 641-mile toll-highway system, the Thruway Authority has jurisdiction over the New York State Canal System. Through its subsidiary, the New York State Canal Corporation, the Thruway maintains, operates, develops and makes capital improvements to the 524-mile navigable waterway which includes 57 locks, 16 lift bridges, numerous dams, reservoirs and water control structures.

Revenues from canal tolls and other user fees are deposited into the Canal System Development Fund and, in accordance with the State Constitution, are used exclusively for the canals. The Executive Budget recommends a new appropriation of \$4 million and reappropriations of \$6.5 million from the Canal System Development Fund for a portion of the maintenance, construction, reconstruction, development and promotion of the canals.

Canal System and Thruway Authority programs are primarily supported by Authority funds, which are not reflected in the Executive Budget. The Thruway Authority raised tolls on May 15, 2005, for the first time in 17 years and by less than half the inflation rate during that period. The new revenues help finance the Authority's \$2.6 billion, 2005-11 capital plan, addressing critical infrastructure needs, traffic demands, and improved customer service.

The Rebuild and Renew New York Transportation Bond Act of 2005 provides \$50 million from State fiscal years 2005-06 through 2009-10 to advance additional Canal capital projects. These funds are appropriated through the Department of Transportation budget.

In addition, \$10 million of economic development bonded capital funds will be made available for canal projects.

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available 2005-06	Appropriations Recommended 2006-07	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2006-07
State Operations	0	0	0	0
Aid To Localities	0	0	0	0
Capital Projects	4,000,000	4,000,000	0	6,501,000
Total	4,000,000	4,000,000	0	6,501,000

CAPITAL PROJECTS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Comprehensive Construction Program	Available 2005-06	Recommended 2006-07	Change	Reappropriations 2006-07
Canal Development Program				
New York State Canal System Development Fund	4,000,000	4,000,000	0	6,501,000
Total	4,000,000	4,000,000	0	6,501,000