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Director Causin,

We write regarding NYSDOT Project ID No. 0T1475, the rehabilitation of the Robert Moses Causeway Bridge over the Fire Island Inlet scheduled to begin in 2027. In light of the significant erosion damage discovered on the bridge deck last week, we respectfully request that you review the timeline for this project, and take all feasible steps to expedite its commencement and completion.

First, we would like to acknowledge and appreciate the Department's prompt response last week to complete the emergency repairs and reopen the bridge. We understand that the severe weather our region has experienced this winter has created challenges, and will continue to do so.

The Fire Island Inlet Bridge is a vital piece of our local infrastructure, connecting our mainland communities to the world class beaches of Robert Moses State Park and granting access to Fire Island. It is a gateway to so much of what makes Long Island a special place to call home and a wonderful place to visit, with many local small businesses depending on the seasonal recreation and tourism. That is why it's so important that this rehabilitation project is prioritized.

Under the current timeline, the construction phase will not begin until Fall 2027 and is anticipated to be completed in Spring 2028. We are concerned that the bridge will continue to deteriorate as we wait, which may lead to additional safety concerns, hazards, and closures. We respectfully ask that you begin this critical project in 2026 instead. Doing so will help ensure the continued structural integrity of the bridge, protect public safety, and restore public confidence in our infrastructure.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued work maintaining the transportation infrastructure in our region. We look forward to your response and stand ready to assist in any way that helps expedite this project.

Sincerely,

Jarrett C. Gandolfo
Member of Assembly, 7th District

Michael A. Durso
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