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**STATEMENT FROM AGC NYS PRESIDENT AND CEO MIKE ELMENDORF ON  
GOV. CUOMO'S NOMINATION OF MATTHEW DRISCOLL TO SERVE AS  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NEW YORK STATE THRUWAY AUTHORITY**

“We commend Governor Cuomo on his nomination of Matt Driscoll to serve as Executive Director of the New York State Thruway Authority.

Over these last two years, New York’s construction industry has worked closely with Matt Driscoll as Commissioner of the New York State Department of Transportation. He has proven himself to be an effective, accessible and responsive leader and partner.

We look forward to Matt Driscoll putting his considerable experience and energy to work at the Thruway Authority where, to be sure, there are real challenges.

As a 60-year old system that has largely exceeded its useful life, the Thruway system as a whole is in need of significant reconstruction. The heart of the New York State Thruway is its pavement and bridges. Although construction of the Gov. Mario M. Cuomo Bridge is a significant step forward, across the State the Thruway has more than 600 bridges or structures over 60 years old that must be rebuilt or replaced. Similarly, the Thruway has been reconstructing less than half of the line miles needed to reach their own 20-year reconstruction goal. The Thruway’s capital plan is only a fraction of what is necessary to meet these growing needs; and the failure to meet needs means a further decline in the condition of this critical lifeline for New York’s economy and residents.

AGC NYS looks forward to working with Matt Driscoll and his team to meet these challenges and rebuild the New York State Thruway. Our economy and communities depend on it.

We also look forward to continuing to work with Cathy Calhoun as she steps in as Acting Commissioner, building on the long and successful partnership between NYSDOT and New York’s construction industry.”

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