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Village of Chestnut Ridge
ATTN: Florence Mandel
277 Old Nyack Turnpike
Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977

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Re: Three Bridge Replacements
Preliminary Detour Plan Review

Dear Ms. Mandel:

The New York State Thruway Authority is conducting preliminary engineering analysis for the replacement of three bridges carrying local roads over the Thruway. The proposed bridge replacements include Hungry Hollow Road (MP 24.62), College Road (MP 26.37), and Scotland Hill Road (MP 23.62) in the Town of Ramapo, Rockland County. The existing bridges have a low vertical clearance and a history of impacts from vehicles traveling on the Thruway. The proposed projects will completely replace the existing bridges and increase the vertical clearance to meet current standards. Preliminary engineering studies indicate that temporarily closing the roads associated with these bridges and using detours is the most expedient means of completing the projects and restoring travel in this area for the communities. Proposed detour maps are attached and detour descriptions are as follows:

Hungry Hollow Road:

The proposed detour would use a combination of county roads and state routes. From the south, the detour would start at the intersection of Hungry Hollow Road (CR 71) and Chestnut Ridge Road (SR 45), route traffic north along Chestnut Ridge Road (SR 45), west on Old Nyack Turnpike (CR 52), and end at Hungry Hollow Road. The detour length is approximately 3.5 miles long if traveled from one end of the road closure to the other end.

The existing Hungry Hollow Road Bridge is frequently used by pedestrians. To accommodate this use, the Authority plans to provide an on-site temporary pedestrian bridge so that pedestrian accommodations are maintained at all times during construction.

College Road:

There will be one primary detour route, as well as two alternate routes, for travelers heading towards/from Rockland Community College (RCC). The primary detour route uses State Route 59, County Road 85 (Spook Rock Road), and County Road 64 (Highview Road). The signed detour route is approximately 2.3 miles long when traveled from one end of the road closure to the other. Through-traffic that currently uses College Road as a connector between State Route 59 and College Road north of Highview Road will experience an increase in travel distance of approximately 1.7 miles using the detour route.

The first alternate route connects Highview Road (CR-64) and State Route 59 via Airmont Road (CR-64). This will give vehicles the option to avoid Spook Rock Road in order to travel to

Highview Road, and eventually RCC. This detour is approximately 0.2 miles less than the primary detour route. The second alternate route connects Saddle River Road (CR-73) and State Route 306 to RCC and Viola Road (CR-74). This route will provide a direct path to RCC, which avoids the College Road closure completely. This results in an additional travel distance of approximately 1.0 mile. For each of the alternate routes, there will be detour signs that specifically indicate that the detour is directing traffic to RCC.

The existing College Road Bridge is frequently used by pedestrians to reach destinations on either side of the bridge. To avoid the hardship associated with a lengthy pedestrian detour, pedestrian traffic will be maintained on College Road during construction by providing temporary walkways and a temporary pedestrian bridge over I-87/I-287.

Scotland Hill Road:

The proposed detour would utilize a combination of County Roads and State Routes. The proposed detour route utilizes State Route 45 (Chestnut Ridge Road), Scotland Road, and County Road 52 (Old Nyack Turnpike). The signed detour route is approximately 1.8 miles long if traveled from one end of the road closure to the other.

The project is tentatively scheduled to begin in Spring 2020. Construction is anticipated to be completed in Fall 2020. The duration of construction is approximately nine months. The schedules for all three bridge replacements will be closely coordinated. The Authority will avoid simultaneously closing the Scotland Hill Road and Hungry Hollow Road bridges due to the close proximity and overlap of the detour routes.

The Authority is currently preparing a Draft Design Report for the three bridge replacement projects and we would like to begin coordinating on local traffic issues before that document is finalized. The surrounding community, emergency services, schools, and local governments have been contacted as part of our Traffic Feasibility Study.

The New York State Thruway Authority is hosting an informational meeting to discuss the proposed detour and project requirements. The meeting will be held on February 11, 2019 from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM at the Village of Chestnut Ridge public meeting room, 279 Old Nyack Turnpike, Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977.

This meeting provides municipal departments, emergency responders, and school districts the opportunity to view plans, and talk one-on-one with the project design engineers about the upcoming project.

Please feel free to forward this letter to any interested party.

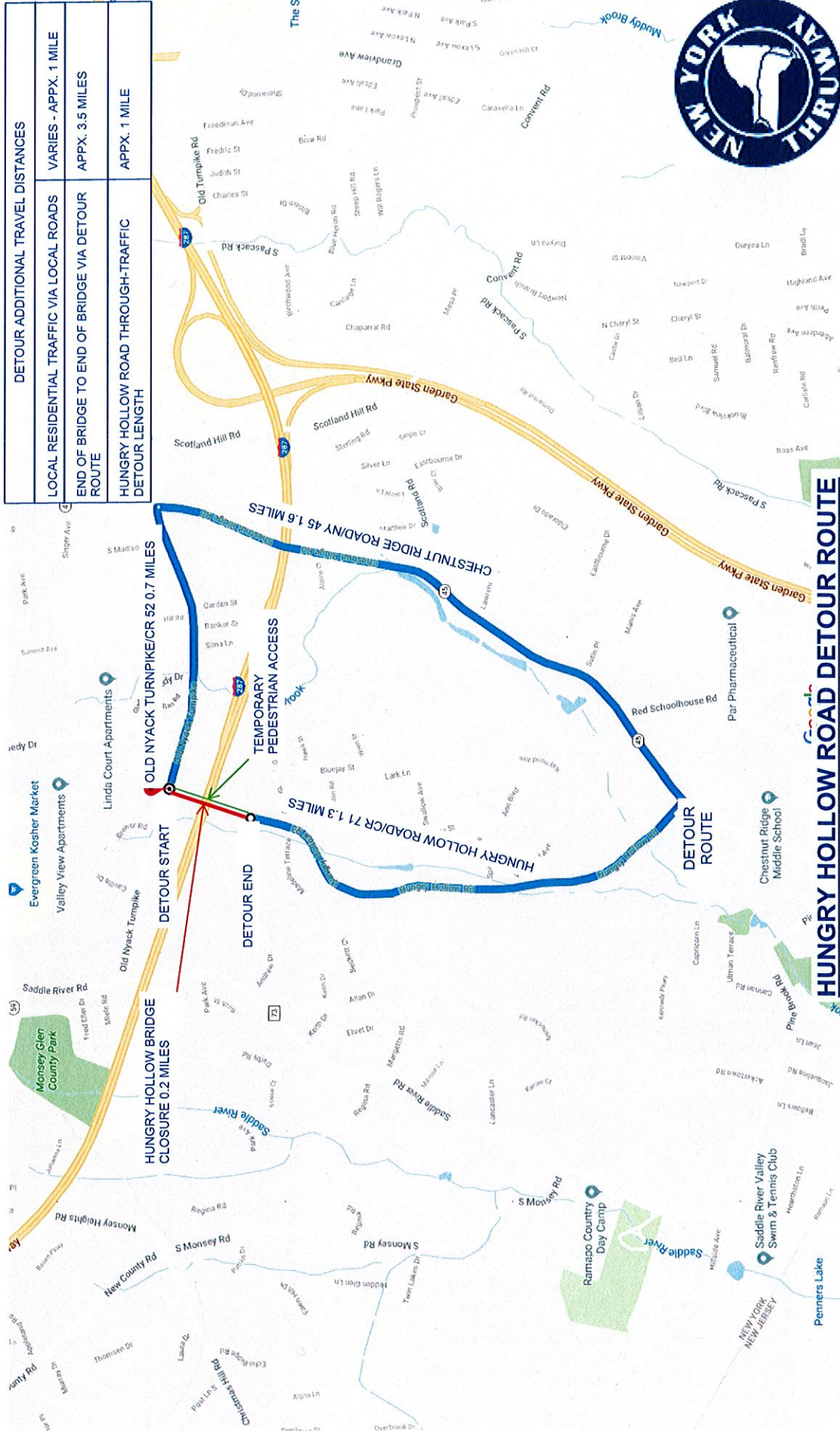
The Authority hopes that you will be able to attend the meeting. Please RSVP to Dan Livermore by email at dan.livermore@thruway.ny.gov or telephone at (518) 436-2972. In the interim, should you have any questions, comments, or require any additional information, please contact Mr. Livermore at the above email or telephone number.

Sincerely,



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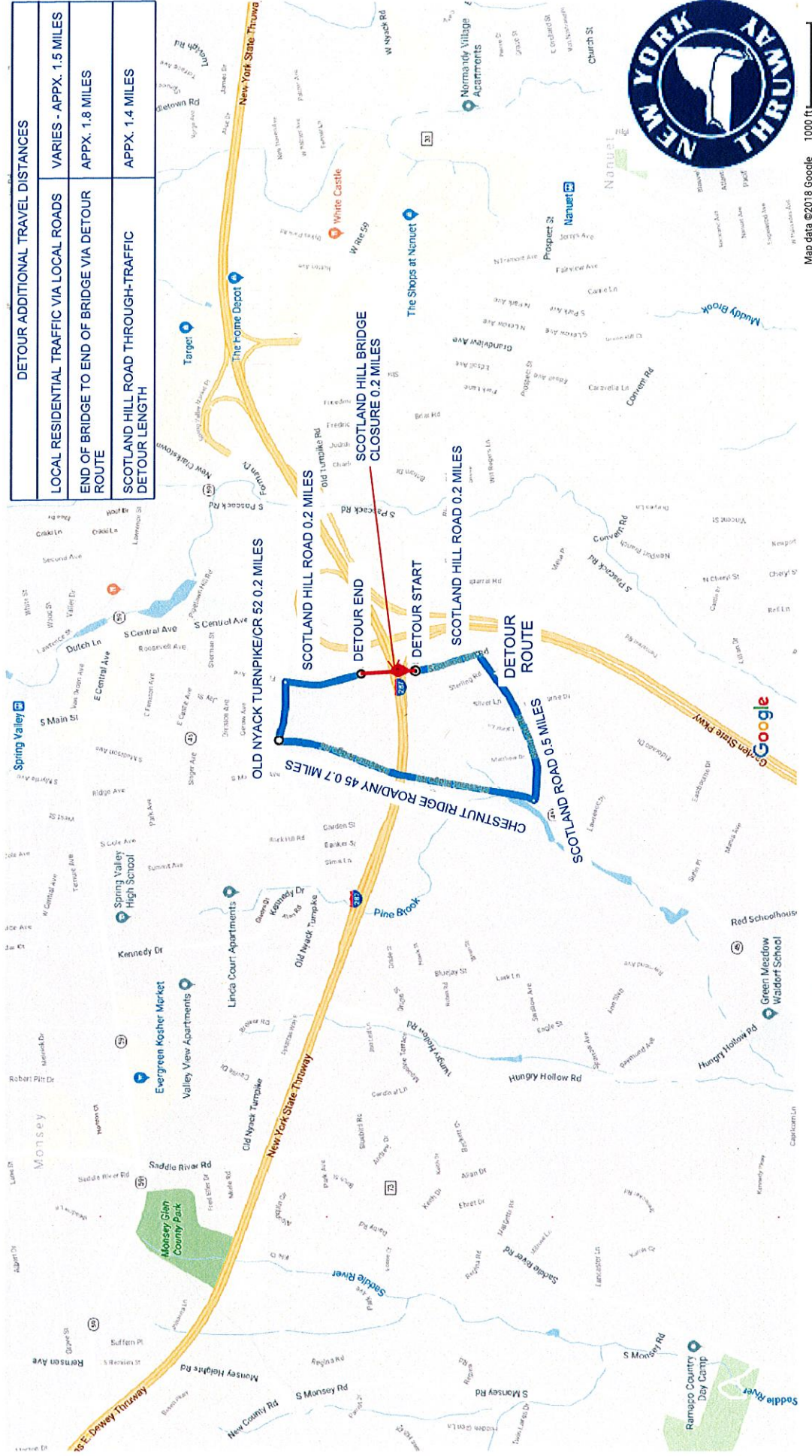
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LOCAL RESIDENTIAL TRAFFIC VIA LOCAL ROADS	VARIES - APPX. 1 MILE
END OF BRIDGE TO END OF BRIDGE VIA DETOUR ROUTE	APPX. 3.5 MILES
HUNGRY HOLLOW ROAD THROUGH-TRAFFIC DETOUR LENGTH	APPX. 1 MILE



HUNGRY HOLLOW ROAD DETOUR ROUTE

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LOCAL RESIDENTIAL TRAFFIC VIA LOCAL ROADS	VARIES - APPX. 1.5 MILES
END OF BRIDGE TO END OF BRIDGE VIA DETOUR ROUTE	APPX. 1.8 MILES
SCOTLAND HILL ROAD THROUGH-TRAFFIC DETOUR LENGTH	APPX. 1.4 MILES



SCOTLAND HILL ROAD DETOUR ROUTE



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