TRAVEL ADVISORY: THRUWAY AUTHORITY ANNOUNCES CLOSURE OF NORTHBOUND SOUTH GRAND ISLAND BRIDGE SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 FROM MIDNIGHT TO 1 P.M.

Southbound South Grand Island Bridge to be Reduced to One Lane for Northbound and Southbound Traffic

Severe Delays Expected in Both Directions for the Duration of the Scheduled Closure

Closure to Accommodate Paramount Pictures' Filming of 'A Quiet Place II' and Support New York State's Growing Film Industry Which Has Grossed More Than \$26 Billion Since 2011

The New York State Thruway Authority today announced the northbound South Grand Island Bridge will be closed to all traffic Sunday, Aug. 25 from midnight until 1 p.m. All traffic traveling northbound on the Niagara Thruway (I-190) entering Grand Island will be diverted to a single lane on the southbound South Grand Island Bridge during the scheduled closure.

Additionally, the exit 17 entrance ramp from River Road to I-190 north will also be closed. Traffic on River Road desiring to go north on I-190 will need to enter I-190 north from Grand Island Boulevard.

During the same period, New York State Police will be performing periodic traffic slowdowns and stoppages for southbound and northbound traffic.

Motorists traveling through Grand Island in both directions are advised to expect severe delays, especially after 9 a.m. and are encouraged to avoid the area or seek alternate routes, if possible.

The scheduled closure is to accommodate Paramount Pictures and the filming of 'A Quiet Place II' which has been filming in the Western New York region since July. The thriller, Directed by John Krasinski, is expected to hire more than 400 people in the WNY area and invest more than \$10 million into the regional economy.

According to Empire State Development, New York's \$420 million film incentive program is one of the best in the nation. Since 2011, film and television productions have spent more than \$26.4 billion in New York State and more than 1.5 million jobs have been created as a result.

Information on the scheduled closures and delays are displayed on Variable Message Signs (VMS) in the Grand Island area

Motorists are encouraged to download the Thruway's <u>mobile app</u> which is available to download for free on iPhone and Android devices.

Travelers can also sign up for <u>TRANSalert</u> e-mails, which provide the latest traffic conditions along the Thruway.

Traffic information is also available on the Thruway's interactive Traveler Map.