



## *Monroe County Legislature*

### **Historical Timeline of the Irondequoit Bay Outlet Bridge**

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1929-1985	First 2-lane, timber structure replaces narrow railroad truss
1985	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers removes old timber bridge No bridge exists to allow vehicle traffic over the channel (until 1998) Community “Bridge-It” group forms to advocate for a new bridge
1994	\$20 million of federal funds for a new bridge are diverted to California earthquake relief
1997	Monroe County Legislature approves \$4.8 million to build a seasonal bridge as recommended in previous studies
1998	The “Swing Bridge” opens using a schedule for only 4 months of vehicle traffic
2000	Monroe County Legislator Stephanie Aldersley (D-Irondequoit) proposes schedule change Monroe County Legislator Sean Hanna (R-Webster) passes compromised schedule change New schedule to allows an additional month of vehicle traffic (for a 5/7-month split)
November 2002	U.S. Coast Guard completes 3-year study of change to bridge operating schedule Bridge opens to vehicle traffic on November 1 <sup>st</sup> (and boats on April 1 <sup>st</sup> )
April 2006	Legislator Aldersley proposes changing the schedule to a 6/6-month split Proposal is voted down in committee
January 2007	Kevin Klee, owner of Vic & Irv’s in Sea Breeze, organizes a petition drive Over 7,000 signatures in support of greater vehicle access
March/Oct 2007	Public forums held in Irondequoit and Webster on proposed bridge changes Hosted by Legislator Aldersley and NYS Assemblyman David Koon (D-Fairport/Webster)
May 2008	Monroe County Majority Leader Dan Quatro (R-Webster) submits a memorializing resolution that all funding for any bridge changes should come from the NYS Assembly
July 2008	Monroe County Legislator Vincent Esposito (D-Irondequoit) proposes an amendment to the 2009-14 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to include \$100,000 to study the bridge Proposal is voted down on party lines
October 2008	Legislator Esposito requests a study be included in the 2010-15 CIP Request is denied on the basis the County is not capable of funding
May 2009	Bipartisan group of elected officials from all levels of government send letter to Coast Guard requesting change to even six-month schedule
October 2010	County Parks Department conducts an informal study of boat traffic in the channel
April 2010	County Parks Department concludes informal study Data collected not released as of September 2011