



## *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 allow 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