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## **\$1.8M Strike Prevention Project Starts on King Street Bridge in Westchester**

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## **\$1.8 MILLION FOR KING STREET BRIDGE STRIKE PREVENTION TECHNOLOGY**

Since 2015, there have been 576 bridge strikes on New York State highways, causing injuries, traffic delays and damage to overpasses, which often require repairs. In response, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced that his Executive Budget includes \$25 million to reduce the number of strikes statewide.

Of that allotment, \$1.8 million will be dedicated to bridge strike prevention for the King Street Bridge in Harrison. The project includes new variable message signs, fixed signs, bridge lighting and communications upgrades with the Hudson Valley Traffic Management Center and Westchester County Police Department.

I am pleased that the State Department of Transportation is investing \$1.8 million in innovative bridge strike prevention technology to prevent over-height vehicles from striking the King Street Bridge over the Hutchinson River Parkway in Harrison. With 130 bridge strikes over the last 10 years, bridge strikes are a significant public safety issue. I am committed to working with my colleagues and the Governor's office to continue investing in our roads and bridges and addressing the unique challenges our communities face," said Sen Shelley Mayer.

Improvements include the installation of two over-height vehicle detectors in advance of the bridge at Exits 26 and 29 of the parkway. It will also upgrade the existing detection system at the King Street exit ramp.