Located off of Exit 16 of the Thruway – the Intersection of Route 32 and Route 17 in Woodbury is a central hub for commuters, tourists and shoppers.
Home to Woodbury Commons Premium Outlets, the internationally advertised tourist destination draws over 13 million visitors annually.
On average, Route 32 serves approximately 20,000 vehicles and Route 17 serves over 50,000 vehicles every day.
Designed in the 1950s, the outdated configuration and population growth have created colossal traffic and safety issues.
Weekend traffic can be so severe that it can take hours to enter the Woodbury Commons from the Thruway...
Nininger Road – a vital local link for traffic from Route 32 to the communities of Kiryas Joel and the Village of Monroe is often snarled in traffic...
The Monroe Woodbury Central School District is also located at this nexus, creating havoc for buses struggling to get to school on time.
For the past 20 years, they talked about fixing it...
Now we’re getting it done.
In January, Governor Cuomo announced that we were going to do it and get it done fast.
Today, we mark the start of construction on the new $150 million road, transit and economic development hub.
This new hub will ease traffic backups, delays and reduce accidents by more than 50 percent...
The project will...

1. Construct a Diverging Diamond Interchange
2. Replace Route 32 Bridge
3. Build a new underpass under Route 32
4. Create bicycle and pedestrian safety corridor
5. Construct a new Woodbury Common Premium Outlets access point
7. Construct a new 200-space park and ride lot, featuring a solar-reliant bus shelter
First, we are constructing a Diverging Diamond Interchange along Route 17 and Route 32 Interchange to alleviate heavy traffic and reduce accidents.
The Diverging Diamond Interchange was first used in New York in Monroe County in 2012 where it improved traffic flow, especially during rush hour, and reduced accidents by more than 50 percent.
Next, we are replacing the Route 32 Bridge over Route 17 and raising it to meet current interstate height clearance standards.
We are building a new underpass below Route 32 – with roundabouts on each end to separate local traffic from visitor traffic...
The project provides a bicycle and pedestrian safety access corridor...
We are building a new south entrance to the Woodbury Commons, designed to improve access to the Outlet’s “ring road” and lessen local traffic.
We are also constructing a new road connecting the elementary and high schools, allowing school buses to safely drop off students and bypass local roads.
As part of this new design, we are building five new parking areas on the schools’ campus.
We are constructing a new 200-space park and ride lot that will feature electric car charging stations and a solar-reliant bus shelter.
In addition, the NYS Thruway is implementing *cashless tolling* at the Harriman Toll Barrier in October 2018 – enabling traffic to move more quickly through Exit 16.
We’ve just begun construction on high-speed, open-road cashless tolling on Grand Island, which is projected to save drivers about 200 minutes per year.
And it’s **fully implemented on all MTA crossings** saving up to 21 hours of drive time every year, over one million gallons of fuel and saving customers **$2.5 million each year in fuel costs.**
We will also install solar panels at the Harriman exit to offset the electricity used by Thruway maintenance and toll facilities.
### ROAD, TRANSIT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HUB

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Originally, construction was slated to begin in 2022.

We accelerated project completion by five years to 2019.