

Delay sought in closing of Isle E-ZPass Center

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State and federal representatives are asking the state Thruway Authority to reconsider its plan to close the Grand Island E-ZPass Center on June 8.

The Thruway Authority announced this week that the walk-in centers in Grand Island, Albany and Syracuse will be going out of service. Those centers are open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays; some of the downstate centers that will remain open also have Saturday hours.

Closing those three facilities will save \$1 million annually, according to the authority.

Rep. Brian Higgins, D-Buffalo, and Assemblyman Sean Ryan, D-Buffalo, signed a letter to the Thruway Authority, asking that it at least delay the decision so Grand Island residents may have a greater say in it.

E-ZPass is a regional electronic toll collection system that can be used statewide and in several other states.