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To Whom It May Concern:

We offer the following comment for your consideration regarding the Tappan Zee Bridge corridor:

We would like to see an alternative chosen that addresses the following concerns :

- 1. Any new bridge or tunnel should have at least a) four general purpose lanes, or b) three general use lanes plus an HOV lane in each direction at all times
2. Any HOV lane should be open to all HOVs 24/7 unless engineering evaluations determine higher occupancy requirements are needed during peak hours
3. We support further consideration of Bus Rapid Transit using an added HOV lane
4. We oppose congestion pricing since we believe that the de facto outcome will be higher peak period tolls and little congestion relief
5. Full width shoulders should be provided
6. Bottleneck relief along the I-287 corridor should be part of any alternative implemented.
7. As an early action, ITS technology should be installed along in the entire I-287 corridor
8. We support the addition of park and ride lots in the corridor to increase carpooling and intermodal transport
9. We support an evaluation of upgraded ferry service between Rockland and Westchester Counties as well as between those two counties and Manhattan
10. Additional high speed EZ Pass lanes should be installed at the Tappan Zee Bridge toll plaza
11. We oppose any rail alternative unless ridership and cost-benefit projections strongly support rail usage

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