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2 come up with better construction  
3 disturbances to minimize impacts,  
4 certainly, but we need to do that instead  
5 of just push the problem away and having  
6 nothing going through Manhattan, having it  
7 increase the load on the Cross Bronx for  
8 traffic that has to get to Long Island,  
9 which is a ripple effect up to 287. That  
10 needs to be acknowledged too. We need  
11 multi-modal, long-term planning, and we  
12 should definitely have combined extra  
13 highway with, and I believe high speed,  
14 heavy rail connecting east/west to Cross  
15 Westchester.

16 My web site is highways and  
17 communities.com, and I can be contacted  
18 through that for any sort of information.

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19 MR. WAITE: Our next speaker is  
20 Dorile(sic) Madronero.

21 MS. MADRONERO: It's Dorice,  
22 D-O-R-I-C-E.

23 MR. WAITE: Sorry, Dorice.

24 TZ-053T MS. MADRONERO: That's okay. My  
25 name is Dorice Madronero, D-O-R-I-C-E.

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2 And I'm Second Vice President of the  
3 Rockland County Conservation Association.

4 And we have -- oh, since 1930 the  
5 organization has been in existence in  
6 Rockland County.

7 I guess personally my family is many  
8 multi-generations from New York State. I  
9 was born in Westchester, though grew up in  
10 Rockland County, and have been crossing  
11 the Bridge since 1955. And I guess the  
12 appropriate line would be, if they build  
13 it -- if you build it, they will come. } 05  
14 And we've watched the traffic grow and  
15 grow and grow. Rockland County }  
16 Conservation Association was very involved  
17 in bringing issues out about the  
18 construction of power plants in the Torne  
19 Valley and the area that this is cutting  
20 through and the corridor area of where  
21 those power plants were proposed. One of  
22 the key issues of that was looking out at  
23 the traffic and looking at the air quality  
24 from power plants. And they said, oh,  
25 this is nothing compared to what you get

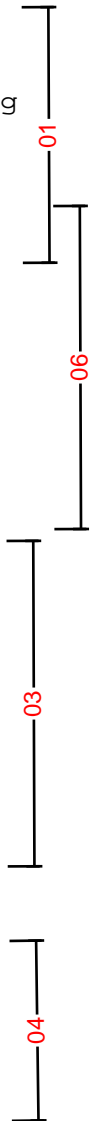
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from traffic. And that traffic is at a standstill on the Thruway. And having commuted over the Thruway and the Tappan Zee Bridge for too many years that I care to remember, I'm sure that I've contributed to much of that air quality going down.

So the Rockland County Conservation Association is really interested in seeing an independent study, particularly with regard to the air quality. We really would like to see something in the way of a light rail. That has been pointed out many times by many people, but that's integral I think to clearing the air.

Also, with regard to the fact if it is decided upon that you need to put up another bridge, the old one should be removed and not let be standing there. There shouldn't be two bridges. If there is one, preferably a tunnel, but that has to come out through the experts. Clearly an elevation to get to the train on the other side, if we do go across the



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platform, to connect people to the line,  
the Metro rail that would run across from  
Tarrytown, that would be an elevated area  
that you can come right off the bridge,  
have a bus right over there, bring you  
right to the train would also help.

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We'll put further comments in  
writing, but I just wanted to really,  
really focus on the air quality issues in  
the County of Rockland. We certainly, and  
I know you point that out in your  
documents, we are in a non-attainment zone  
for ozone. The cancer rates and asthma  
rates are high in the County. We kept  
power plants out, and one of the reasons  
was because of air pollution. And they  
said, this is nothing compared to traffic.  
And we know that Stewart Airport is in the  
pipeline, it's there and there's going to  
be nothing but more traffic coming along  
the Corridor to get up to Stewart Airport.  
And, again, the cars and trucks will be  
there. So we really want to focus very  
much on the air quality issues.

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2 Thank you.

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3 MR. WAITE: Our next speaker is  
4 Nancy Single.

5 TZ-054T MS. SINGLE: Hello. I haven't done  
6 this before. I've lived in Nyack and the  
7 Nyack area since 1948. And I commuted  
8 across the Tappan Zee Bridge from 1968  
9 until 2001. And I watched the Tappan Zee  
10 Bridge being built. I saw what happened  
11 to South Nyack. And some of my friends'  
12 older siblings actually rode their  
13 bicycles across the Bridge the first day  
14 before it was open to traffic.

15 Really I'm speaking I guess  
16 experientially at this point, because I'm  
17 coming in new to this whole -- I mean,  
18 I've always been concerned and thinking  
19 about it, but I'm speaking from my  
20 experience. And one of the things -- I'm  
21 following what everybody has said, and I'm  
22 sure people have thought of this, but I  
23 just want to say it, that my concern about  
24 the rail is my experiential understanding  
25 is that the majority of people who cross