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2 every first world country everywhere;  
3 Europe, Asia, South America, Puerto Rico  
4 is ahead of the Continental United States  
5 in underground construction. And you have  
6 to go pretty darn deep into the back woods  
7 of the third world to find an open sewer  
8 anymore. And pretty soon in Europe you're  
9 going to have to go pretty far -- drive  
10 pretty far to find an open railroad, an  
11 above-ground railroad. And in another  
12 generation underground roads are going to  
13 be tremendously common art, because  
14 they're necessary. We don't have open  
15 sewers because they are not nice to live  
16 with. We shouldn't have open roads or  
17 open railroads because they are not nice  
18 to live with. As we make the transition  
19 from low speed trains, which we have now,  
20 to high speed trains, you can't have them  
21 running open through the neighborhood,  
22 with kids running into them. A kid can't  
23 even see a train coming at 'em at 150  
24 miles an hour or at 250 miles an hour, and  
25 yet that's the world class, world class,

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speed of trains now, in China, in Japan,

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in Europe and pretty much everywhere else,

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as soon as they're getting going. Field

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trips. This scoping session should demand

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field trips. Our people should be

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absolutely current in the

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state-of-the-art, and that will,

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incidentally, bring them current in the

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realities of the costs of building these

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things. In Europe they build tunnels for

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less than it costs us to pave roads. And

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a tunnel -- and the tunnel construction

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art now implies a completed road. Field

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trips. Let's see what the rest of the

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world is doing. Let's not be a generation

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behind. Let's be a generation ahead.

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Thank you.

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MR. WAITE: I'd like to call Tim

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Sweeney to the podium. Thank you.

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MR. SWEENEY: Good evening. My name

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is Tim Sweeney. I'm from the Hudson River

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Sloop Clearwater.

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I'd like to thank the Thruway

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