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2 don't want to walk down the stairs, we've
3 got a mike up here.

4 MS. MAINIERO: Oh, yes. If you do
5 not want to negotiate the stairway, Maura
6 will be at the top of the stairs or
7 Veronica, sorry, Veronica again will be at
8 the top of the stairs with a --

9 MS. FITZGERALD: Cordless
10 microphone.

11 MS. MAINIERO: -- a cordless
12 microphone that will be sent directly to
13 the stenographer, so it would be just the
14 same as you coming down to the mike over
15 here.

16 Okay. Our first speaker is Fred
17 Budde, and he would like to make a
18 statement from the Orange County
19 Executive, Edward Diana.

20 **TZ-057T** MR. BUDDE: Good evening. My name
21 is Fred Budde, and I am a Planner with the
22 Orange County Department of Planning. On
23 behalf of Orange County Executive, Edward
24 Diana, and Orange County Commissioner of
25 Planning, David Church, I've been

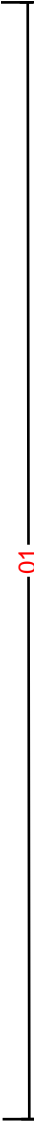
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instructed to convey the following brief message.

Orange County is very supportive of the Tappan Zee I-287 major investment and environmental impact study process. We commend the Thruway Authority and the MTA for the Scoping and Alternatives Analysis, as well as the public outreach effort conducted thus far. Orange County is also very supportive of the goals and objectives of the study and the proposed transportation improvements for the I-287 Corridor. In particular, the potential mass transit improvements contemplated. These improvements will be important to the mobility needs of commuters and travelers who reside in Orange County and work in Rockland, Westchester and New York City.

We have no other comments to offer at this time, other than that we would like to remain an active participant in the study as the Metropolitan planning organization responsible for



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2 transportation improvements in Orange
3 County.

4 Thank you very much.

5 MS. MAINIERO: Okay. Our next
6 speaker is Joann Conklin.

7 TZ-058T MS. CONKLIN: Okay. My name is
8 Joann Conklin. I live right here in
9 Middletown. I came here tonight because
10 I've heard a lot about the Tappan Zee
11 Bridge and how it needs fixing and
12 repairing. While the Tappan Zee Bridge
13 does need fixing, I wouldn't recommend
14 tearing it down completely, for the simple
15 reason that you have too many people using
16 it every day to go to and from the City.
17 I do believe it should be fixed properly.
18 I understand that it could cost about 80
19 million dollars, and I honestly believe
20 somehow we can come up with that money. I
21 don't know how, except maybe through the
22 State and maybe our Federal Government
23 helping us out, and maybe even some money
24 through the County, but I do believe it
25 serves a purpose for people to and from