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Volmer Hearings. The public was promised from the MTA and the other State representatives that all the public comments would be put into a book, and that there would be a specific response. And I have not noted, and I've asked my local representatives: Has there been a response from the moving authorities specifically to the requests made and to the documentation provided and the inquiry and the criticism of the Volmer Report? And there has not yet been one, to my understanding.

Thank you.

MR. WAITE: Andrew Fischer.

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MR. FISCHER: Thank you.

I concur with the comments of Scenic Hudson, that we should not pursue plans to increase vehicle capacity; however, we need to create and increase mass transit capacity and connection points, multiple modes of mass transit should be added to this plan; traditional rail, light rail, commuter bus and also new technologies.

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in the 1950's and given the designation of Route 35 connecting the Bear Mountain Bridge on the west and I-684 on the east. It was never built. We also need a real north/south truck route connecting 287, again, up to I-84 along western Westchester County. These are needed to get thousands of long distance commuters off our local neighborhood streets in northern Westchester. Currently thousands of commuters use a hodgepodge of local roads and minor State roads to get down to the 287 Corridor. We need to -- you should reach out to large employers in the Tri-State area, collect employee zip code data, add this to Census data collected in 2000 and use these commuter patterns as part of your planning for what is really needed to put in new mass transit facilities.

Also, I would maintain that you must look at improving the Indian Point evacuation capacity, and this should be added as an objective of this project.

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2 A tunnel seems to make sense for
3 several reasons. It's not impacted by
4 weather. I hate to say it, but people
5 can't jump off of a tunnel to commit
6 suicide, and, sadly, that happens pretty
7 frequently on the Tappan Zee Bridge.
8 Also, once built, lower road maintenance
9 costs of the road and structure itself.

10 Thank you.

11 MR. WAITE: Thank you.

12 The next two speaker in order, Pat
13 Lancaster, followed by Alexander Saunders.

14 **TZ-014T** MS. LANCASTER: Hi. My name is Pat
15 Lancaster, and I live in the landing right
16 by the Bridge. I've spoken to a couple of
17 my friends and we have a concern about
18 health, the quality of life issues of
19 being so close to the Bridge. And we
20 wondered if, you know, how long -- I know
21 I read in the paper that there's going to
22 be an environmental study, but we wanted
23 to know, you know, like if that's going to
24 be looked at within certain areas of
25 Tarrytown. We suggested maybe a rail on