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Re: Tappan Zee Scoping Meeting

Dear Ms. Bailey,

Please record the following comment on the Scoping Document presented at the public meetings held in January 2003:

Section 5.2.6, Goods Movement, indicates that alternatives will be assessed on the potential for rail freight traffic. The need for improved rail freight access across the Hudson River is a regional problem, not a corridor issue. If freight access is to be considered in the Tappan Zee Corridor Study, the first determination must be whether the Tappan Zee crossing is the best location for freight movement. Specifically, the cost and negative social, environmental and economic impacts of a freight crossing at Tappan Zee and its required transfer yards need to be evaluated against alternative locations, such as a Trans Harbor Tunnel and the present Selkirk crossing, before that capability is considered to be a "benefit" of any Tappan Zee alternative.

Very truly yours,


Joan Virrill