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Dear Mr. Anderson,

Enclosed is a copy of the workshop report from the Regional Plan Association's (RPA's) Tappan Zee Corridor Transit-Oriented Development Study, dated December 2007. You have likely already reviewed this document in conjunction with the I-287/Tappan Zee Bridge Study team. I wanted to take the opportunity, however, to share with you a few observations on this document.

As you may know, the County of Rockland participated in the all-day working session (charrette) that generated this report in May 2007. We were pleased to be able to work with the Rockland Economic Development Corporation, RPA and our fellow Steering Committee members to assist in this effort.

While the workshop was certainly a useful activity for everyone who participated, I wanted to emphasize the County's concurrence with RPA's statement in the Introduction of their report, which says:

"This effort is also unavoidably incomplete. This was a single event, and despite the efforts of the Steering Committee, just part of the stakeholders got engaged. Ultimately, a more robust public process needs to be launched.

"However, despite its shortcomings, this initiative has real value as a demonstration project of how a public process can engage citizen stakeholders in a creative, problem-

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solving discussion that can build both understanding and support for these kinds of initiatives.”

It's important to note that the workshop was by invitation only, and that unfortunately, only one commercial property owner from the corridor was represented at the event. While there were some good insights developed at the workshop, they were somewhat narrow in some cases, based on the small size of some of the breakout groups.

One additional comment the Study Team should consider is the reference to both “Avon” and “Revlon” in the report's discussion of the Suffern site. As I'm sure you have already noted, the company being discussed is, in fact, Avon (not Revlon). RPA has also correctly noted in their report that Avon's plans for expansion and implementation of their parking master plan would preclude the proposed design studies for the connecting corridor between the Tilcon site and downtown Suffern.

On behalf of the County, I hope this information is useful to the Study Team.

Sincerely,



Salvatore Corallo

Attachment

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