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I would like to express my opinion that the TZ Bridge replacement should be integrated with a larger plan to provided a new regional mass transit solution for the future. I believe that a high speed elevated (Mono)rail (high speed +/- 200 mph and elevated for safety) should connect Stuart Airport with NYC through White Plains. A mass transit system like that would serve the foreseeable future needs and really get people out of their cars.

As for the current plans, if we must look at it to serve only the Suffern to Port Chester corridor then the new bridge with a Rockland rail link to MetroNorth tracks would be my next choice. As far as Westchester, I don't know enough about their needs to comment. I don't think the bus option will attract many riders and it probably produces more air pollution and energy usage than rail. It certainly does considering that more people with access to a car (most of the suburban population have a car) would probable ride the one seat train than ride the bus/transfer to a train or bus only options. With rising fuel costs the mass transit options are going to be even more attractive. So a new bridge with no mass transit option is shortsighted.

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