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There are parts of the world far more populated than ours in Westchester & Fairfield counties. The pollution and traffic, however, are on-par with the worst-planned and most populated places on earth.

Regional planning agencies have identified a common means for improvement in these respects: increased use of rail.

To subject the region to, perhaps, a hundred years with a bridge lacking rail service would be a crime. The region already suffers for lack of rail to the area's two largest airports. The region also lacks rail service between New Haven, Harlem-Hudson and Port Jervis lines, thus rendering automobile & truck options more-appealing to those requiring such transportation. A Tappan-zee rail connection would also service the CSX freight rail service along the west-side of the Hudson.

Present and future automobile and trucking trends hold promise for improving the region's pollution issues, but these trends do nothing to address congestion. A visionary approach to passenger and freight rail is needed to affect tangible and long-term improvements to the region's transportation and economic needs.

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