

TZB-060E

I work in Westchester and therefore cross the Tappan Zee Bridge daily. My commute should take 23 minutes. The usual is 30. On Thursday March 27th, I was 1-1/2 hours late for work because of "Emergency Construction" and its subsequent delays.

- I am generally in favor of Alternative 4B.
- I would consider one of the plans that include keeping the existing bridge, but my concern is, I'd guess it's cheaper initially, but in terms of long-term upkeep, would we save costs?
- Something that Rockland has long been in need of, is a direct link to NYC. We have commuter rail service, but none of them cross the Hudson. A change of trains is always required. Buses are subject to traffic issues. If I had an opportunity to work in NYC, I would take it in a minute if there were a commuter rail as suggested in this alternative. If it also connects to the Harlem and New Haven lines, that open up a tremendous amount of opportunities for travelers. Getting anywhere from Rockland has always been difficult unless you have a car.
- I don't recall if the climbing lanes are specific to truck traffic or all traffic, but if they are for all traffic, I believe them to be a waste of space, potentially. It has been my observation, not just on the Tappan Zee Bridge, but on the area highways, that people do not want to drive in the right lane. I believe that people are so concerned about getting "stuck" behind a slow driver that they will drive in other lanes (including the left), regardless of the speed they are driving. I have been in circumstances where, in order to get past the slower moving vehicles, I have to get in the right lane. Trucks may use this lane, but general traffic, for the most part, probably will not.

Regards,

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