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Mr. Anderson, from reading all the material available regarding the future of the Tappan Zee Bridge and 287 corridor, along with the plans for a new bridge, I strongly urge you to have as part of the plan the rail system from Suffern to Port Chester. I live in Ossining, NY and commute by car to an office park along Route 287 daily. On many occasions, I've used the Bee-Line bus system and found it to be an alternative way to get to and from work. The only negative factor is the time it takes from my bus stop (which I walked to from my home) to my office, in the morning is about 60 minutes and traveling home is close to 90. By car the travel is 30 minutes door to door. I found bus transportation to be relaxing and I was able to accomplish other tasks. With a rail system and a transportation hub in Tarrytown, it would likely reduce the commuting time.

Also, with the expansion of the bridge and the possibilities it brings, I encourage you to keep the 'reverse' commute options viable. By that I mean, companies may expand or relocate to Rockland and Orange Counties and the need to commute in that direction would be the same as coming into Westchester, ie: amount of trains, schedules etc. I am all for alternative steps in commutation. I use the bus, which is an option for me, however, it at times is subject to weather and road conditions. The rail is the best option to travel for the future of this area.

Thank you for allowing me to comment. Good Luck with this project!!

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