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To Whom it May Concern:

I live very near the bridge, in fact my drive is less than 1/4 mile from the on ramp from Broadway in South Nyack to the bridge, and I'm not looking forward to several years of the noise and disruption that come with replacing the current bridge but I am realistic and know that the only solution is to do that.

We can't live in the past and can't fight progress. Change must come and must be welcomed despite the fact that change is sometimes painful or difficult.

The Tappan Zee Bridge must be replaced immediately. The replacement should consist of 2 parallel spans each containing 5 to 6 traffic lanes. This will allow for easier service and fewer closures due to accidents. One span can remain open while the other is maintained or clears after an accident. The number of traffic lanes is necessary to accommodate both current traffic flow and allow for future increases in traffic flow.

There should be an accommodation between the spans for an additional span for rail transport. I can foresee a rail line that begins in Middletown New York connecting to New Jersey Transit at Suffern and Spring Valley, continuing across the Hudson and connecting to Metro North in Westchester County before dipping under Long Island Sound before meeting up with LIRR lines on Long Island. This will allow for greater connectivity to existing rail lines both into New York City and within the region including such locations as Woodbury Commons, The Palisades Center and the Hamptons.

We need to stop fighting progress and get realistic. Putting patches on this issue will not remove the problem. In fact the new modular deck sections that are being installed as a band aid to the current bridge are pitted with potholes and need to be repaired and they are not even 1/4 of the way done on this project. Holding up replacing the bridge will only add to the current traffic tie ups and restrict progress. Stop fighting progress and get on board so we can move on to the next area that needs improvement rather than wasting our time and money fighting this.

Thanks.

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