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Why has the "Authority" drag its legs on the TZ Bridge project? We have had studies up the kazoo and nothing to show for it while the economy languishes and sinks lower as will the bridge and our society in the lower Hudson Valley. I believe a Columbia class of engineers probed viable alternatives. What were the results and suggestions of these competent students in this free study? Where's the leadership?

The ultimate goal should be increased traffic flow with minimal pollution. What's happening with mass transit- buses and rail? The government spends billions of dollars on pork barrel projects and pigbooks for bridges to nowhere, turkey contests, etc, not to mention hundreds of billions of dollars for other countries, especially Iraq. Where's the leadership and fiscal responsibility? Also, something that really irks me is that New Jersey has Atlantic City gambling and Connecticut has Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun for gambling bringing hundreds of millions of dollars to their coffers. What do we have? Gambling over 450 miles away from NYC in Buffalo. I am not a proponent of gambling but there are highly depressed areas in New York State, especially Sullivan County that seriously need jobs and an economic shot in the arm. Why aren't we utilizing the beauty and proximity of the Catskills to bring in similar money as the other 2 aforementioned states do under a regulatory gaming commissoin? Where's the leadership?

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