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I recently moved to Yonkers from NYC. I live within walking distance of the Greystone station. I am a big fan of mass transit and hoped it would meet my transportation needs when I moved here.

The train to and from NYC is pretty good, and the bus has been fine for getting around Yonkers - for example, to the supermarket and a local church.

However, my father lives in Bedford Hills. He, too, is within walking distance of the train station and a Bee Line stop. Despite his proximity to these stations and mine, it is horribly inconvenient to try getting to his house from mine and back - especially on weekends. On a Sunday evening, I cannot get from his house to mine in less than 2 and a half hours. This is ridiculous for what would normally be a 45 minute drive. I looked at every bus schedule and train schedule I could find, but there was no quicker way to do it.

I ran into the same issues when I was trying to visit friends in Bethel, CT.

Part of the problem is that the way the Metro North schedules are set up, the southbound trains always just miss the northbound trains on the other lines at 125th Street, so you can't make a transfer there. Then you get to Grand Central and have to wait 45 minutes to an hour for the next train.

Another way to solve this, which is why I'm e-mailing you, is to have a light rail or rapid bus system that connects the three Metro North lines at midway points, such as Tarrytown, White Plains and Mamaroneck or something on the New Haven line, or even at the Northern Points of at least the two Westchester/Putnam lines. I did see that this was part of the discussion with the Tappan Zee plans and I just wanted to reiterate these lines would help Westchester/Putnam residents/commuters as well as Rockland commuters.

I'm of course writing from my own personal experiences, but I find it hard to believe I'm the only person having issues getting from one point in Westchester to another. I also think those added lines might get other people out of their cars and onto the rails.

I'll buy a car if I have to, but I really was hoping I wouldn't have to.

Thank you for letting me offer my comments.
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