

TZB-135E

NYS DOT

March 31, 2008

Tappen Zee Bridge

NYS Thruway

1- 287 Environmental Review

Stakeholders' Advisory Working Groups (SAWGs)

Dear NYS DOT:

RE:Tappen Zee Bridge Environmental Review, Public Comments Dead-Line March 31, 2008

Opinion & Comments: as to **(O&C:)** please respond.

O&C:

As this Tappen Zee Bridge (TZB) (spanning the Hudson River between Rockland and Westchester Counties) study by the NYSDOT has taken a good number of yeas (5-6). I would like to know why all of these TZB - NYSDEC SEQRA documents are not located in all Rockland County Library(s) for real public review as to render comments?

O&C:

I would like to know if all Rockland County, Village/Township Planning/Zoning Boards were contacted about this TZB study by the NYSDOT for their review and if so please provide me with the Town of Ramapo and the Villages of Suffern /Hillburn/Sloatsburg Planning/Zoning Boards comments on this TZB proposals.

O&C:

In regards to all Rockland County, Village/Townships planning consultants firms were they notified and Village/Town Board by resolution to also submit their comments on this NYSDOT TZB study? Please produce NYSDOT minutes as to these Rockland County planners data.

O&C:

Did the NYSDOT contact the American Planning Association, New York Metro Chapter about this TZB study along with monthly, yearly reports ?

- a) Did this NYSDOT TZB Study include the contacting of all American Planning Association (APA) members and the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) planners in the Lower Hudson Valley, East & West Section(s) ? If not Why Not ?
- b) During years of the NYSDOT TZB study, did the Engineer(s) or Attorney(s) suggest that the APA/AICP members should be part of this great TZB undertaking in planning ??
- c) I would like to know if the NYSDOT consider all new or old Town/Village, Master Plans in this TZB study as to their Land-use and zoning sovereignty ? Please respond ?

Closing:

As a member of the APA, I find this NYSDOT TZB study and EIS documents are not complete and is a total insult to planning as to not include all APA/AICP members and professional planners for their input and review to this project.

I feel its the duty of the NYSDOT to Holt this TZB project and produce its planning documents to the local APA/AICP membership that can make environmental, traffic, water comments a-new on such TZB project...headed by the NY Metro Chapter and County Planning Departments to "Bridge the Gap" in better planning in NYS.

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Thank you for your attention on this matter and would appreciate your response to my above comments.

Sincerely Yours

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