

**TZB-201E**

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Studies conducted by the Environmental Protection Agency show that particulate matter, air pollution, increased levels of ozone which has proven to be a consistent predictor of increased death rates and respiratory distress. More than three-quarters of the ozone pollution that we breathe comes from the tail pipes of cars and trucks. Are we adequately dealing with this acknowledged contributor to lung disease, the number three killer in the U.S.? Our children, the elderly, and those individuals who suffer from asthma and chronic heart and respiratory disorders are the most vulnerable. disorder These critical health-related questions are simply not being adequately addressed. Instead, we are on a path to increased auto and truck traffic via a substantially larger bridge and a wider highway.

No consideration has been given to alleviate traffic flow in the TZ area by building another bridge or expanding the existing bridges north of Rockland where the major growth is expected. Current plans call for all anticipated, additional auto and truck traffic to be sent through this overburdened, overdeveloped and over polluted area. Even tunnels that could provide our best opportunity to control air pollution, have been removed from consideration for questionable reasons. Please consider the above options.

