

**TZB-153E**

As an alternate member of the SAWG's and a resident of the Hillcrest section of Ramapo, I want to take this opportunity to urge you to seriously consider using the Spring Valley Transportation Center as a bus and rail hub in this effort.

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Thousands of commuters from North Rockland travel down the Palisades Parkway, Route 45, Route 9W, and Route 303 by car on their way to Westchester and New York City. Thousands of others use the Short line buses and Pascack Valley rail line for their daily commute to Westchester and New York City. North and central Rockland are in desperate need of improved commuter transportation. If the Spring Valley center could be established as a one-seat hub as a part of this initiative, in addition to alleviating the current highway congestion, this would play a major role in the Spring Valley revitalization effort. These two efforts together fit the profile of a commuter community – with the new housing being built around the transportation hub in downtown Spring Valley.

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This request was discussed in the most recent Land Use SAWG in Nyack and was well received. Originating a train from Spring Valley and connecting it with a new proposed station in Nanuet or West Nyack will require some cost and effort. This is the ideal time to do this for future generations, just as replacing the bridge and adding commuter rail and bus lanes are.

Thanks

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