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My thoughts on the TZB project are as follows:

1. Rehabilitate the existing Tappan Zee Bridge. Since the approach roads already exist, this will minimize the need to confiscate property and dislocate people. A significant number of people were displaced, and a village was basically destroyed, when the existing bridge was built. Make sure that the rehabilitated bridge will last "forever", which can be achieved with proper design and appropriate preventive maintenance procedures in place.

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2. Build tunnels to handle heavy rail and vehicle traffic for I-287 automobile and bus traffic only. The tunnel could begin in West Nyack and end near the current I-287 - I-87 interchange in Westchester.

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3. Traffic using the existing rehabilitated bridge would be limited to truck traffic headed to White Plains or NYC. and vehicle traffic headed for NYC along with vehicles that choose to use the bridge instead of the tunnel. All NYC bound traffic must use the bridge.

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4. Construct heavy rail from Suffern to Port Chester. With the planned expansion of Stewart Airport, this line could be expanded, using the Port Jervis line and additional rail construction, to serve the airport.

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5. Connect the new rail line to the existing Hudson line to provide commuters in Rockland and Orange Counties with a one-seat ride into Manhattan.

I do not favor "public-private" financing. This is a public project that must be owned, operated and maintained by the public. A private enterprise requires a profit motive; this is inappropriate.

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Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide input into this project.

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