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Attachments:

1...Southern Rockland County bordering the New Jersey state line is presently, overbuilt and overcrowded. Bringing more traffic into this congested area is both unhealthy in an environmental way and dangerous. I understand your maps have not been updated and you are not aware of the major development between Route 59 and Route 287, especially in the Airmont/Suffern area. To consider anymore developement in this area is both a danger to the residents and businesses already here. Traffic jams exist on our outdated roads not only during rush hour but all day and night.

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2...This area is short on local public transportation, we are not dealing with the dynamics of a New York City or a White Plains in Westchester where those built up areas have secondary transportation.

Think about it, you have a job in Westchester in an office or corporate park. You live in a Rockland town not convenient to public transportation. You need a ride to get to the public transportation so that you can get to your job in Wchr. After you get a lift to the train or bus, you arrive in Wchr. Your job is not in White Plains but in a small town not near the train or bus. How do the masses get to these areas? Walk in the cold of winter, perhaps several miles. I think not. And what of the carfare????? Commuter fares are rising every year it seems. Most people will not be able to afford the fares especially if they are going to low paying jobs, which I think the majority taking public transportation will be doing.

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3...Trains and busses sound like a good idea on paper, and in a perfect world are feasible, but not in this envirement. This plan will be a great disservice to both the people of New York State (Rockland and Westchester) and New Jersey (Bergen and Passaic).

4...The only people I see this benefiting are the DOT, CRX and other agencies needing to spend taxpayers money.

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