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2 And the third thing is just as we
3 develop the travel times and the benefits
4 of the alternatives, that we do this
5 realistically, based on the actual travel
6 times that the commuters do actually incur
7 now.

8 Thank you.

9 MR. PLOTCHYK: Thank you, Mr. Getz.

10 The next four folks in order are
11 Philim(sic) Bosco. Philip Bosco. Excuse
12 me. Barton Lee. Bob Dylan. And Raymond
13 Fein.

14 Mr. Bosco, you're first up.

15 MR. BOSCO: I'll bring Mr. Dylan
16 with me.

17 MR. PLOTCHYK: We can certainly come
18 to you, sir.

19 MR. BOSCO: Bob and I are members
20 of an organization called Rockland RAFT,
21 which stands for Residents Against
22 Flooding Tomorrow. We've experienced 30
23 plus years of flooding in the West Nyack
24 area with our businesses. And the New
25 York Thruway Bridge across the Hackensack

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2 River is one of the culprits. There are
3 many others, but this is the opportunity
4 to bite the bullet and get on the record
5 so that the State will give serious
6 consideration of widening that bridge for
7 better flow of the Hackensack River, as we
8 work on other impediments to the flow of
9 the Hackensack River into New Jersey.

10 The second thing I'd like to comment
11 on, and I would like to talk -- I'll talk
12 to Ms. Edwards later, --

13 MR. PLOTCHYK: Okay.

14 MR. BOSCO: -- is the Stakeholders
15 Committee to assist. If you're going to
16 be going rail, it seems to me, like since,
17 to my knowledge, there is no current
18 freight route across the Hudson River
19 between New York and Albany. All right.
20 Some serious consideration be taken to
21 maybe the off hours, scheduling freight to
22 run on that line and that passenger line,
23 because it seems like it might prove to be
24 more beneficial in getting Federal aid.

25 And, Bob, if you'd like to take it

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2 from here.

3 Thank you.

4 MR. PLOTCHYK: Thank you, Mr. Bosco.

5 This is Bob Dylan.

6 MR. DYLAN: I'd like to speak to the
7 issue of the impact that the Thruway
8 Authority has had in the past regarding
9 flooding and the future possibilities of
10 resolving some of those issues.

11 When the Thruway was originally
12 constructed, in the 1950's, in the area of
13 Nyack and West Nyack, a major stream which
14 used to be the primary source of municipal
15 water supply for the Village of Nyack was
16 diverted to the Hackensack River, which
17 contributed to the flooding of the West
18 Nyack area and further points south into
19 the New Jersey and so forth.

20 This is an opportunity for the
21 Thruway Authority to not only re divert
22 that stream, which is a stream that
23 originates in the Mountainview Avenue
24 area, back to the Hudson River, but it's
25 also an opportunity to alleviate a very