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2 gotta -- I can figure out that I'm
3 probably going to be effected, and many
4 people, from here throughout the two
5 counties, and I'm not saying we can only
6 stop it because of that, but people should
7 have a right to fairness.

8 Thank you.

9 MR. PLOTCHYK: Thank you, sir.

10 Alden Wolfe.

11 MR. WOLFE: Good afternoon. First,
12 I just want to thank you for such a great
13 presentation. It was interesting to see
14 some of the history that kind of -- how it
15 created the problems that we're seeing
16 today.

17 My name's Alden Wolfe. I'm a County
18 Legislator. I represent Western Ramapo,
19 District 6, which basically runs along the
20 Thruway, from Hillburn to the Chestnut
21 Ridge border with Spring Valley. And I
22 have a number of concerns. Many
23 constituents of mine, particularly since
24 they predominantly live along the Thruway,
25 are very concerned about the details. We

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know that this is a major project. It's probably the project that will have the widest impact on our community in our lifetime. And the decisions that we make today will have just -- there are so many choices that can be made that can have a real negative impact on the people who live in our community. Some of them were stated already today.

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Serious concern that I have is with the commuter rail line. I know that there are a couple of different options of linking it with the Thruway. One is through the existing rail line, the unused rail line, another is sweeping up through Mr. Curley's house. You're building on the corner of Orange Avenue and 202 and taking a whole number of properties right up there on Route 202 before it hooks up with the Thruway. I happen to live in the Knolls, which is right -- I can see the Thruway from my bedroom window. And I understood that because of the elevation there was a possibility for the need for

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an elevated line to bear this commuter rail. That's a tremendous concern for the people that I represent, and for me personally.

The takings, again, are a tremendous issue. I'm concerned about whether the existing right-of-way would be sufficient to support any widening or the actual width of the roadway, if you're going to be adding lines and lanes.

Siting of stations are very important, especially with the people in my district. Again, I represent Suffern. I represent a piece of Airmont. I represent all of Hillburn. These are communities that are very concerned about having a new station plopped down right in their midst, with all the attendant traffic.

The -- another concern is the -- making sure that there is sufficient mitigation efforts that are put in place to counteract some of the negative things that may be happening. We got, of course,



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2 noise. We have existing sound barriers
3 that don't do much of a good job as it is.
4 We're talking about widening and putting
5 trains on and buses. This is going to be
6 a tremendous, tremendous problem for the
7 people that I represent.

8 So I guess, in closing, I just want
9 to go on the record citing some of those
10 concerns, but, in essence, we're asking
11 that the DOT make sure that the impact on
12 the community is carefully balanced
13 against the need for the improved
14 infrastructure.

15 Thank you very much.

16 MR. PLOTCHYK: Thank you, sir.

17 Did I already call Mr. Thomas
18 Campbell?

19 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.

20 MR. PLOTCHYK: Well, that concludes
21 our public information meeting for this
22 evening.

23 Thank you for your attendance and
24 your participation.

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