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2 traffic jams can be significantly  
3 alleviated?

4 Thank you.

5 MR. PLOTCHYK: Thank you for your  
6 comments, sir.

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7 Mr. Curley.

8 MR. CURLEY: My name is Michael  
9 Curley, Orange Avenue, Suffern, New York.

10 I'm speaking for all the people who  
11 are going to be effected in the future in  
12 relevance to Eminent Domain and the  
13 taking of properties relevant to this.

14 As of now the State or no one has  
15 notified anyone directly that they're  
16 going to be taking your properties, but,  
17 yet, I feel comfortable in saying, they  
18 have the knowledge of which properties  
19 they will be taking. I feel, especially  
20 in these times, when people can lose their  
21 houses because of money and everything  
22 else, you shouldn't lose your money when  
23 the government knows ahead of time that  
24 you could even be a potential loser of  
25 property. You're not only going to lose

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2 your property, but many properties are  
3 going to be lost for parking lots and many  
4 different issues in many different areas.  
5 So there is -- there is much impact here,  
6 which I feel need the State and the  
7 Government, all the agencies are well  
8 aware, because you can't say we're  
9 building a bridge and we're doing all  
10 these things and not be aware of what  
11 you're taking.

12 So I represent all of them, whether  
13 it's from Hillburn, as they say, or into  
14 Westchester, anyone who may get effected  
15 based on any plan has a right to be  
16 notified, so that they may get involved,  
17 so they can protect themselves.

18 For me to be foolish enough, and you  
19 heard from the gentleman with the nice  
20 Irish brogue, Mr. Roche, speak here, he's  
21 well aware about his bridge and that  
22 you're going to be taking more space in  
23 the water. Well, don't the people have  
24 the same right to know. We know these  
25 factors already. And I think there's an

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absolute responsibility for open government. And you have to let the people know now. Not later. You've already decided that you're -- that you're pretty much doing it. You figured out how to come up with the money. Well, don't they have a right, the people that have worked, that paid for their houses or paid for their businesses?

So I understand that we have to sometimes go for the future, we have to -- building has to happen, and for safety reasons we have to do certain things, but we cannot -- if we hold back the potential of knowing who may be effected, I think that's bordering on the line of being criminalistic, because you're not being open.

So I just feel I want that in the record that I stated now that they need, and they really should have even made those -- that information should have been out there before they gave the first review, not just showing maps. And you

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

Thank you.

MR. PLOTCHYK: Thank you, sir.

Alden Wolfe.

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

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