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Subject: proposed Tappan Zee Bridge mass transit
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It is highly commendable that the new Tappan Zee Bridge will have a mass transit component. I'm a little confused as to whether or not it will offer a one-seat ride to Manhattan via the Metro North Hudson Line. Some sources suggest that it will, whereas others make it sound like a transfer would be necessary at the Tarrytown station.

No sources mention the predicted impact on the currently available mass transit options, such as the ferry, coach buses like Red and Tan, and, perhaps most importantly, the NJ Transit railroad. Any new commuter rail across the Tappan Zee Bridge would compete with the existing train service that runs through NJ, which may lead to it being discontinued pending a significant decrease in ridership. If that were to occur, Rockland residents would lose the ability to travel by train to NJ destinations, most notably Newark Airport, through connecting service at Secaucus Junction. Has this potential issue been discussed with the relevant stakeholders, and if so, what solutions have been considered to address it?

Thank You,
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