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2 discussing this more with you in the
3 future.

4 Thank you.

5 MR. PLOTCHYK: Thank you, sir.

6 Did you say you're the Mayor of
7 Montebello?

8 MR. OPPENHEIM: Yes.

9 MR. PLOTCHYK: Thank you, sir.

10 Jerry Ilowite.

11 MR. ILOWITE: Good afternoon. It
12 appears that the selection of the
13 preferred alternative is based upon a
14 comparison of the considered options. I
15 don't see much evaluation against the
16 stated goals of the project.

17 The project pretends to reduce
18 traffic congestion and improve travel
19 time, but there's no quantified basis as
20 to what amount of improvement constitutes
21 a significance improvement.

22 The report shows that, of the
23 approximately 135,000 vehicles crossing
24 the Bridge each morning, around 5000 would
25 be diverted to transit, leaving 130,000

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2 cars a day. This is a reduction of less
3 than four percent and leaves the Bridge
4 apparently still faced with traffic
5 exceeding its capacity.

6 The Thruway Authority's operating
7 criteria for the project requires an
8 ability to maintain or improve existing
9 levels of service.

10 The 2006 Alternatives Analysis
11 stated that none of the transit
12 alternatives will have any significant
13 impact on traffic congestion. It's clear
14 that the small percentage of people who
15 choose or have the ability to choose to
16 leave their cars and take mass transit
17 will experience much reduced travel time,
18 but for the mass majority of travelers,
19 who still will be using their cars, it
20 appears that they will still experience
21 substantial traffic jams.

22 So what quantifiable measurement
23 does a project consider to be a
24 significant improvement in traffic
25 congestion? And is there any hope that

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2 traffic jams can be significantly
3 alleviated?

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4 Thank you.

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

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