



Tappan Zee Hudson River Crossing Project Environmental Impact Statement

January 23, 2012

Hon. Ken Wray
Mayor
Village of Sleepy Hollow
28 Beekman Avenue
Tarrytown, NY 10591



RE: Tappan Zee Hudson River Crossing Project –
Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Mayor Wray:

As you are aware, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), and the New York State Thruway Authority (NYSTA) are preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Tappan Zee Hudson River Crossing Project. As part of this process, a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) has been produced. Enclosed, you will find a Compact Disc containing the DEIS document for your consideration. The DEIS is also available at the project website: www.tzbsite.com.

The DEIS examines the potential environmental effects of proposed alternatives for the Tappan Zee Hudson River Crossing Project, and where adverse impacts are identified, it discusses measures to mitigate them. The purpose of the project is to maintain a vital link in the regional and national transportation network by providing a new Hudson River crossing between Rockland and Westchester Counties, New York, that addresses the limitations and shortcomings of the existing Tappan Zee Bridge and meets the structural, operational, safety, security, and mobility needs of the Tappan Zee Hudson River Crossing.

In October 2011, scoping meetings were held on this effort to solicit input from the public, as well as from key agencies and officials. Throughout the course of this project, the project team has used a variety of forums to engage and inform elected officials, residents, and other stakeholders about the environmental analysis.

Public hearings will be conducted shortly, to provide an opportunity to reach the public and solicit input in response to the DEIS. We encourage your participation in these hearings. The dates, times and locations for the public hearings are indicated below:

Rockland County

Tuesday, February 28, 2012
Palisades Center
4th Floor Community Rooms
1000 Palisades Center Drive
West Nyack, New York 10994
4:00—9:00 p.m.

Westchester County

Thursday, March 1, 2012
Westchester Marriott
Grand Ballroom
670 White Plains Road
Tarrytown, New York 10591
4:00—9:00 p.m.

In addition to the information available for review at the hearings, there will be a project presentation at 5:00 and repeated again at 7:00 p.m.



Based on the findings of the DEIS and the written and oral comments received during the public hearings, as well as during the DEIS document public comment period (ending on March 15, 2012), FHWA, NYSDOT and NYSTA will prepare a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). Comments received during the public comment period, including those received at the public hearings, will be addressed in the FEIS.

FHWA, NYSDOT and NYSTA invite interested individuals, organizations, and Federal, State and local agencies to comment on the DEIS. During the public comment period, the DEIS document will be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the locations on the enclosed list. In addition, the document can be downloaded from the project website at www.tzbsite.com. Comments can be submitted at any time during the public comment period. Remember, the period for submitting comments ends on March 15, 2012. There are many ways to provide comments:

- *Verbally or in writing at the public hearings listed above.*
- *Via email: tzbsite@dot.state.ny.us*
- *Via fax: 845-454-7443*
- *Via mail:*
Michael P. Anderson
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New York State Dept. of Transportation
4 Burnett Boulevard
Poughkeepsie, New York 12603
Telephone: 877-892-3685

If you have any questions regarding this information, please feel free to call or email us at the contact information indicated above. Thank you for your interest and participation in the Tappan Zee Hudson River Crossing Project.

Sincerely,



Michael P. Anderson, P.E.

Enclosure

List of locations where the Tappan Zee Hudson River Crossing Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available in hard copy format for public inspection:

WESTCHESTER COUNTY

City of Rye
1051 Boston Post Rd
2nd Floor, Room 21
Rye, NY 10580

City of White Plains
255 Main Street, City Hall
White Plains, NY 10601

Greenberg Public Library
300 Tarrytown Road
Elmsford, NY 10523

The Warner Library
121 N Broadway
Tarrytown, NY 10591-3299

Town of Greenburgh
177 Hillside Avenue
Greenburgh, NY 10607

Town/Village of Harrison
1 Heineman Place, 1st Floor
Harrison, NY 10528

West Harrison Branch Library
2 Madison Street
West Harrison, NY 10604

Westchester County Department of Planning
432 Michaelian Office Building
148 Martine Avenue
White Plains, NY 10601

White Plains Public Library
100 Martine Avenue
White Plains, NY 10601

ALBANY

New York State Library, Cultural Education Center
222 Madison Ave., 6th Floor
Albany, NY 12230

ROCKLAND COUNTY

Nanuet Public Library
149 Church Street
Nanuet, NY 10954

Rockland County Department of Planning
50 Sanatorium Road, Building T
Pomona, NY 10970

Suffern Free Library
210 Lafayette Avenue
Suffern, NY 10901

The Nyack Library
59 South Broadway
Nyack, NY 10960

Town of Clarkstown
10 Maple Ave
Clarkstown Town Hall
New City, NY 10956

Town of Orangetown
26 W Orangeburg Road
Orangeburg, NY 10962

Town of Ramapo
237 Route 59
Suffern, NY 10901

West Nyack Free Library
65 Strawtown Road
West Nyack, NY 10994