The Tappan Zee Bridge/I-287 Corridor Project is pleased to present a technical assistance program to benefit all stakeholders as we seek to improve mobility in the corridor. “Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) - Building Quality Communities around Transit” is a training program designed to assist municipalities in realizing smart growth planning and land use opportunities to be provided by the Project. This technical assistance program will help municipalities maximize the many opportunities transit can bring to communities.

Sustainable community development—which includes TOD when located near transit facilities—is concerned with the design of aesthetically-pleasing, vibrant communities that allow residents to enhance their quality of life with convenient, attractive choices for work, play, travel, and living. The Tappan Zee Bridge/I-287 Corridor Project is planning new Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and Commuter Rail Transit (CRT) systems, and TOD can play a significant role in enhancing quality of life and increasing mobility in the communities along the corridor.

A series of workshops is being offered to provide technical resources to municipalities in the I-287 Corridor, to be hosted by Westchester County and Rockland County municipalities over the next year. Workshops will be facilitated by nationally renowned firms (Project for Public Spaces, Regional Plan Association, and Reconnecting America) which will team with community and civic leaders. The first workshop in Rockland County will be held on Thursday, November 19, 2009 (see box on the right for details). In this kick-off workshop, municipalities will receive resources for developing and implementing solutions that meet a broad range of community goals. Participants will work through the unique issues and opportunities to conceptualize how TOD might fit into their communities and receive assistance in their efforts to forge a more sustainable future. This Workshop is being provided at no cost to participants but registration is requested. Lunch will be available for purchase at the Palisades Center.

These workshops are jointly sponsored by the Project Team, consisting of the NYS Department of Transportation, NYS Thruway Authority and MTA Metro-North Railroad, with support from the Rockland County Department of Planning and the Rockland County Planning Federation.
Topics at the county-wide sessions and local in-depth workshops will include:

- Community appropriate TOD
- Quality community design
- Multi-modal transportation choices
- Complete streets design
- Sustainability
- Model planning and zoning concepts and ordinances
- Placemaking
- Housing options
- Property value preservation
- Parking management
- Project financing

Planning and Zoning Board Members, Please Note: This one-day workshop fulfills the NYS Department of State’s annual training requirement for Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals Members in Land Use Training for Local Officials.

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REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ROCKLAND WORKSHOP

Please register for the event by November 5th, 2009 by faxing the form to Jennifer Fraticelli, at 914-358-0621 or by copying this section into an email message and sending it to: jfraticelli@dot.state.ny.us. You may also mail this form to the TZB/I-287 Corridor Project Office, at 660 White Plains Road, Suite 340, Tarrytown, NY 10591, or call 914-358-0600 for more information.

Name: ____________________________________________
Title: ______________________________________________
Municipality/Organization: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________________________
City/State/Zip: ______________________________________
Phone number: __________________________ Fax number: __________________
Email: ________________________________________________
Additional attendees in your party (please include name and affiliation):
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