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Presentation

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Bridge SAWG (#18)

Tappan Zee Bridge/I-287 Corridor Project

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Slide 1. Kristine Edwards, NYSDOT, welcomed all members to the meeting and explained the agenda. The meeting consisted of a presentation as well as discussion centered on several engineering drawings. Together these materials furthered our discussions on the status of the bridge design development, and the major constraints and challenges at the Westchester landings.

Slide 2. This slide lists the topics that were covered.

Slide 3. This slide reminded SAWG members of the 6 bridge options that remain under consideration; many options presented at earlier SAWGs have now been screened out. A report summarizing the evaluation and screening currently is under review by the agencies, so the conclusions presented to members tonight are “draft” or “preliminary.”

Slide 4. This slide was briefly shown as a reminder of the Single Level Options for the proposed replacement TZB still under consideration.
Slide 5. This slide was briefly shown as a reminder of the Dual Level Options for the proposed replacement TZB still under consideration.

Slide 6. The common issues of the remaining 6 bridges were briefly discussed.

The major difference between the three remaining Single Level Options is the location of commuter rail transit (CRT) in the cross-section. There also is a difference in the number of supporting piers.

The major difference in the Dual Level structures is the location of bus rapid transit (BRT) and the structural form.

Slide 7. This slide summarized the overall process for the development of the EIS options for the proposed replacement TZB.

Slide 8. This slide outlined the overall criteria used to evaluate the reduced list of options for the EIS.

To date only the engineering criteria were used as the basis for evaluation of the options to ensure technical feasibility. Going forward, the remaining 6 options now need to be evaluated using the Transportation, Environmental and Cost criteria to determine the options to be progressed into the EIS.
Slide 9. This slide lists the issues on the Rockland side of the bridge that were discussed at the previous SAWG.

Slide 10. This slide lists the issues on the Westchester side of the bridge that were anticipated to be the focus of discussion at this meeting. Drawings and aerial photos were laid out, and each item on this list was reviewed with the group. (See the discussion at the end of this document.)

Slide 11. These issues will be discussed at the next SAWG, in addition to some material on hydro acoustics.