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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

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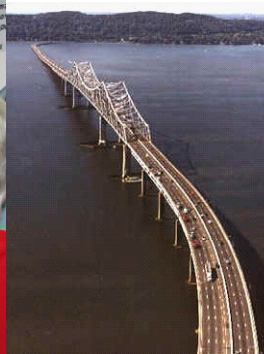
PUBLIC OUTREACH

This fact sheet is part of an extensive public outreach program that is at the center of a regional study to improve mobility within the I-287 Corridor, between Suffern and Port Chester, and to address structural issues related to the Tappan Zee Bridge. The study is being conducted by the New York State Department of Transportation, the New York State Thruway Authority and MTA Metro-North Railroad under the supervision of the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration, the federal co-leads for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process.

* Everyone has a voice

During the first stage of the Tappan Zee Bridge/I-287 Environmental Review, the Alternatives Analysis, more than 150 suggestions on how to improve conditions in the I-287 Corridor were identified, studied and combined into 16 different scenarios that were analyzed for their environmental impact, constructability, cost and ability to improve mobility in the I-287 Corridor. The six alternatives that remained at the end of that screening process are now being studied in more detail in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) process.

Learning what you have to say about the alternatives is very important to the Project Team. That's why the DEIS process has been launched with an expanded public outreach effort, placing public participation at the forefront of the Project Team's priorities.



Community Outreach Centers: Located in Westchester and Rockland counties, these centers serve as local meeting places and focal points for everyone interested in the study.

Meetings & Open Houses: Public meetings and open houses are held in Westchester, Rockland and Orange counties to offer the greatest opportunity for attendance and to reach the widest possible audience with information on the project.

Stakeholder Committee: The Stakeholders' Committee fosters communication among interest groups and municipalities in the TZB/I-287 study area and the Project Team. The committee includes representatives of diverse organizations in the region, from categories including education, the environment, health, emergency services, business, recreation, tourism and others. Several Stakeholder Advisory Working Groups were formed recently to focus on specific areas of interest, including environmental topics, land use and transit.



Westchester/Rockland TZB Futures Task Force: Founded in 2005 by the county executives in Westchester and Rockland counties, the Project Team meets periodically with the Task Force to update members on the progress of the study, to request feedback and to gain their insight into new ways to keep local citizens informed and involved.

Speakers-Bureau: Members of the Project Team are available to speak with groups and organizations around the study region. Please call the Community Outreach Centers at (914) 524-0273 or (845) 348-7714 to arrange a presentation to your group.

Study Documents: The Alternatives Analysis report has been distributed to every public library in Westchester and Rockland counties and the complete document has been posted at www.tzbsite.com to make it easy and convenient to review the alternatives under study. It's also available at the Community Centers, or you can contact the Project Team for a CD version of the report, other materials are regularly distributed to the repositories.

Newsletters: Newsletters are published at each study milestone and are archived at www.tzbsite.com—or contact the Project Team.

Fact Sheets: This fact sheet is one in a series focused on different topical issues related to the study. The complete set is available at www.tzbsite.com—or contact the Project Team.

Press Releases: The Project Team works with the local and regional media to keep everyone informed about the progress of the study.

Web site: www.tzbsite.com is updated at each study milestone and more frequently as needed. In addition to study information, you can sign up for the project e-mail list to receive the latest news about the study's progress.



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