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Why the Hudson Valley Wants Transit on the Tappan Zee Local officials make the case for transit in a new short film

Local residents and officials have made it clear to New York State over the course of ten years and 280 public meetings that transit is an essential component of the Tappan Zee project. For those looking for a quick refresher on the issue—and confirmation that Hudson Valley residents still want the state to reconsider its decision to eliminate transit from the project—the Tri-State Transportation Campaign has partnered with Streetfilms to create a five-minute film, which uses local voices to tell the story. It can be accessed at www.brtonthebridge.org.

The film features Assemblymember Thomas Abinanti, Westchester County Executive Robert P. Astorino, Rockland County Transportation and Planning Commissioner Thomas B. Vanderbeek, P.E., Tarrytown Mayor Drew Fixell, former Nyack Mayor Richard Kavesh, as well as Tri-State's Executive Director, Kate Slevin.

Many of the sentiments expressed in the film are also enshrined in the project's official document archives at <http://www.tzbsite.com/>, but the state nonetheless continues to move forward with a transit-less project.

Several local communities, including Hastings-on-Hudson, Croton-on-Hudson and the 14 Westchester municipalities that are members of the [North Westchester Energy Action Consortium](#) (NWEAC) have now passed resolutions calling on the state to put transit back into its plans.

The Tri-State Transportation Campaign reminds New Yorkers that the public conversation is not over yet. Public meetings on the project's draft environmental impact statement are set to take place on February 28 and March 1. The film, along with more details about the public meetings, can be accessed at www.brtonthebridge.org.

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