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Statement of Tri-State Transportation Campaign Executive Director Veronica Vanterpool on Governor Cuomo's announcement that the Tappan Zee Bridge replacement project has cleared environmental review.

Governor Cuomo's announcement that the Tappan Zee Bridge project has cleared environmental review is good news for New York State, but to comprehensively address the mobility challenges of the Hudson Valley much more work remains. Although the traffic-weary Lower Hudson Valley community has repeatedly demanded transit in the I-287 corridor, the project that federal regulators just cleared does not answer their call. Rockland and Westchester residents will continue to sit in traffic on I-287 unless a true east-west transit system is quickly added to the corridor. The Regional Transit Task Force promised by Governor Cuomo must begin a serious conversation about transit promptly, and its recommendations must be implemented with the same urgency and speed that have marked the other aspects of the project under his watch.

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