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Statement on Governor Cuomo's Tappan Zee Bridge / I-287 Bus Rapid Transit Funding Announcement

“Tri-State Transportation Campaign applauds Governor Cuomo’s expediency in identifying and applying for state and federal funding to implement the recommendations of the Tappan Zee Bridge Mass Transit Task Force. This initial commitment is essential to ensuring that the new bus system recommended by the Task Force will be in operation when the bridge opens in 2018.

The amount committed highlights how a relatively small amount of funding can lay the foundation for a bus rapid transit system. While the total costs of the recommendations have not yet been determined, this seed money serves as a down payment for the transit system of the future. Now that state and federal sources have been identified, Rockland and Westchester counties must also commit to making a contribution.

Today’s news is a positive step for the future of bus rapid transit in the I-287 corridor. Tri-State looks forward to continuing to work with Governor Cuomo, the New York State Thruway Authority, the New York State Department of Transportation, state and local elected officials, and residents in the Lower Hudson Valley to identify additional funding to fully build a bus rapid transit network that supports riders, the environment and local businesses.”

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