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## Press Release: Statement From Senate Democratic Conference Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins Regarding Tappan Zee Bridge's Mass Transit Task Force's Final Report

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"I was honored to serve on the Tappan Zee Bridge Mass Transit Task Force throughout this past year and am proud that all stakeholders were able to come to a consensus and create a quality report. I have been calling for bus rapid transit service to be a component of the new Tappan Zee Bridge and I-287 corridor since the project was fast-tracked in 2011. When fully implemented, the proposals in this report will help satisfy many of the transit needs of my constituents in Westchester and throughout the region. A fully operational BRT system will also maximize the economic impact of the New New York Bridge by creating transit oriented development opportunities in Westchester and Rockland. I am particularly pleased that White Plains and Yonkers - two communities which I represent - were recognized as key destinations for transit riders in the region. The plan also takes into consideration the unique concerns of Tarrytown - as the home community of the bridge - and of Greenburgh. I am looking forward to seeing this plan implemented and providing my constituents and the people of the Lower Hudson Valley with better, affordable, environmentally- friendly transit opportunities and a new bridge for the 21st century," said Democratic Conference Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins.