

## Progress Report

Through December 18, 2017

### Tappan Zee Bridge

#### Route 9 Turn Lane / Side Path

- Thruway Authority & NYS DOT adding a turn lane from s/b Route 9 to e/b I-287; plus “Side Path”
- Met with Thruway Authority engineers in March and offered detailed comments
- Thruway Authority announced “Public information” meeting on October 4
- Had a preview meeting with Thruway staff. Designs ignored our prior comments.
- Drafted a detailed response and distributed them to our constituents:  
<https://biketarrytown.org/broadway-for-everybody/safety-first-for-thruway-entrance.php>
- Our mobilizing strategy got over 15 people to the meeting and over 20 comments emailed in
- Had an extensive conversation recently with Thruway staff. The strong public response made staff take our points seriously. The conversation also clarified our asks and reasoning.
- Formally introduced the staffer to the Route 9 bike/ped study consultants. They're now collaborating on improving the Thruway's plan.

#### Path Terminus in Rockland

- Submitted a detailed response to proposed designs:  
<https://biketarrytown.org/tappan-zee-bridge/rockland-terminus-design.php>
- Thruway's response was dismissive
- Assembling a coalition of organizations to press for changes. 17 groups joined so far.
- Spurred the New York Bicycling Coalition to sit down with the Thruway's Chief of Staff

#### Path Terminus in Tarrytown

- Met with New NY Bridge staff in March to review preliminary designs of the terminus, crossings for Route 9 at that location and the side path to Route 119
- Offered two round of detailed comments, including:  
<https://biketarrytown.org/broadway-for-everybody/side-path-at-tappan-zee-bridge.php>

#### 24/7 Access

- Wrote an op-ed for the Journal News, which was published in July:  
<https://biketarrytown.org/tappan-zee-bridge/journal-news-editorial-response.php>
- Wrote the Governor and the Thruway's Chair. Urging constituents to do the same.
- Moved Tarrytown's Mayor from opposing 24/7 access to being neutral
- Obtained endorsements from several elected officials and organizations. Following up for more.
- This campaign is ongoing, but on a slow burn due to projects that have immediate deadlines
- Contacted the League of American Bicyclists and Adventure Cycling to extend campaign's reach
- More info: <https://biketarrytown.org/tappan-zee-bridge/>

### Broadway for Everybody

- Organizing residents and merchants to support the Route 9 Active Transportation Conceptual Design Plan (<http://route9active.org/>)
- Gathered over 100 photos of supportive residents and 11 merchants
- Had one-on-one conversations with 27 merchants, obtaining endorsements from many and reducing tensions among the rest
- Our conversations with leadership of the Sleepy Hollow - Tarrytown Chamber of Commerce

- brought them to support a bike lane, assuming the off-street parking situation can be enhanced
- Our mobilizing techniques got over 60 people to the study's public meeting in Tarrytown on 10/19. The vast majority of attendees were supportive.
- We made the front page of the *Journal News* on 10/25 and their *Express* on 11/2:  
<http://www.lohud.com/story/news/local/westchester/2017/10/19/route-9-bicycle-lane-study/754873001/>
- The campaign is ongoing
- More information: <https://biketarrytown.org/broadway-for-everybody/>

## Old Croton Aqueduct Crossings & Connections

- Coordinating a grant to improve crosswalks and wayfinding signs along the Old Croton Aqueduct in Tarrytown

## Regeneron / 100C Bridge

- NYS DOT is replacing Route 100C's bridge over Route 9A and building a roundabout
- DOT's plans were lousy for people walking and biking
- Submitted two rounds of detailed comments. DOT incorporated some of our suggestions, including the addition of a side path and bicycle crossing.
- Subsequently requested further refinements:  
<https://biketarrytown.org/regeneron-100c/100c-9a-bridge-response-04.php>

## South County Trailway

- Attended ribbon cutting for the “missing link.” Tweeted photos, thanking Astorino and noting issues that need to be resolved: <https://twitter.com/BikeTarrytown/status/925413278196682752>
- Contacted the Astorino's office about those issues, as well as poor surface and maintenance conditions on other trail segments
- Updated openstreetmap.org and notified Google Maps of the new route

## East Parcel

- Sleepy Hollow is designing a park on the east half of the old General Motors plant. Plans had no bike infrastructure on the access roads and had (dangerous) perpendicular parking
- Provided suggestions on how to implement safe routes to the park, plus bike parking details
- More information: <https://biketarrytown.org/east-parcel/>

## Better Buses = Better Biking

- Working with Bee Line to improve routing and notification during parades and street fairs
- Created educational materials: ability to use MetroCards, places routes here go to
- More information: <https://biketarrytown.org/better-buses-better-biking/>

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