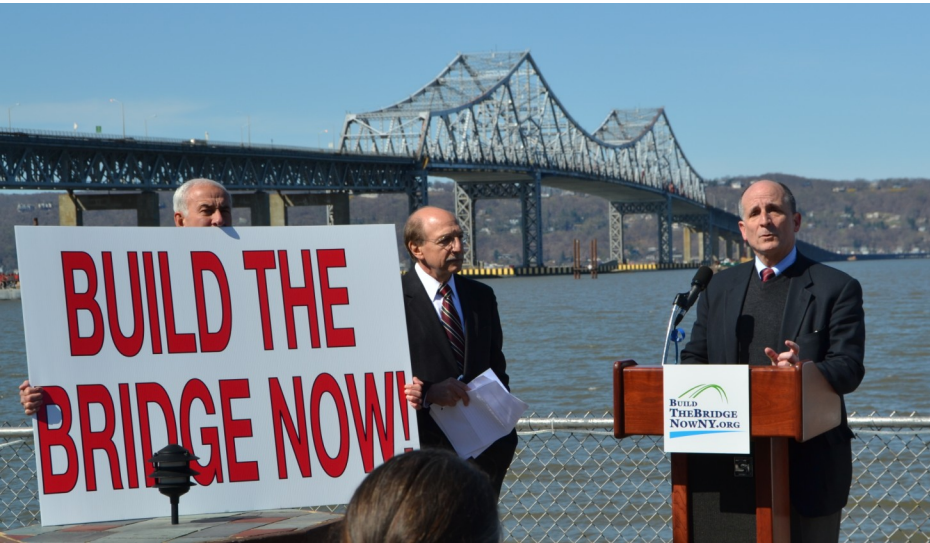


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Pattern joins the call to build a new Tappan Zee Bridge



Pattern for Progress CEO Jonathan Drapkin, right, speaks during a rally in Tarrytown, along with Ross J. Pepe, president of the Construction Industry Council of Westchester & Hudson Valley Inc.

TARRYTOWN — Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress has joined a coalition of business, labor and community leaders that is calling for a new Tappan Zee Bridge with the capacity for mass transit to be built while state and federal funding is available.

Pattern joined the coalition, known as BuildTheBridgeNowNY.org, on March 31 at a press conference in Tarrytown. The coalition includes roughly three dozen business, labor and civic groups from across the Hudson Valley.

"We and our coalition partners believe it's important to build the new bridge now for the sake of commuter safety and for the thousands of jobs the project will create," said Jonathan Drapkin, president and CEO of Pattern for Progress. "We are satisfied that the construction of this new bridge and making its design 'shovel ready' for mass transit is the way to move forward now."

The 56-year-old bridge was only built to last 50 years, and its car-accident rate is roughly double the state average. It's now time to bring the long debate over the bridge's future to a close. Construction of a new Tappan Zee Bridge would cost \$5.2 billion and create roughly 45,000 jobs. Federal authorities have pinpointed the bridge as a priority infrastructure project and they have pledged \$2 billion to match the state's share. The current proposal calls for the bridge to include capacity for mass transit, such as commuter rail or bus-rapid transit.

BuildTheBridgeNowNY.org is a not-for-profit group that plans an aggressive public education campaign to garner support for the new bridge.

Putnam, Rockland and Westchester county execs to discuss regional issues at Pattern for Progress forum



MaryEllen Odell Scott Vanderhoef Robert Astorino

A panel of three county executives representing the lower Hudson Valley will discuss issues facing the region and their communities during a breakfast forum hosted by Pattern for Progress on April 26.

Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell, Rockland County Executive Scott Vanderhoef, and Westchester County Executive Robert Astorino will participate in the regional leadership conversation. The discussion will focus on a wide range of topics that include economic development, fiscal challenges for county governments, and new opportunities for collaboration across county borders.

Pattern convened a similar roundtable discussion in February among the county executives from Dutchess, Orange and Ulster.

Leaders from seven counties used to gather as part of one event hosted by Pattern, but that breakfast was split into multiple events to allow the official more time to discuss important issues.

The April 26 breakfast will be at the Double Tree Hotel on South Broadway in Tarrytown. It will begin at 7:45 a.m. and conclude at 9:30 a.m.

Want more information about the breakfast and Regional Leadership Conversation?

Call Pattern for Progress at (845) 565-4900, or e-mail us at rdegroat@pfprogress.org. Tickets are \$40, and we also encourage businesses to join our growing list of sponsors for the event.

Pattern on the road for CFA workshops



Pattern staff will be helping with workshops in Putnam County on April 18, and Dutchess County on April 25.

Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress has been hitting the road to teach local government officials, nonprofit groups and other grant writers about the state's new Consolidating Funding Application (CFA). The new CFA process took several state grants programs and put them under one application. Pattern staff—including CEO Jonathan Drapkin and Vice President Joe Cjaska—have paired with local economic development groups and chambers of commerce to teach people about the new CFA process. Pattern has already assisted large groups in Orange, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester counties. Pat-

Notes on Progress

- **John Rath**, chairman of the Pattern board, and his wife, Deb, will be honored with a lifetime achievement award from Family Services. They will receive the award April 25 during a banquet at the Grandview Hotel in Poughkeepsie. Family Services oversees programs for youth, families, victims of domestic violence and more.
- Pattern's work on its new "food hub" continued last month with a steering committee meeting and a listening session in Sullivan County. Both were well attended. Future listening sessions are coming up. For details, check Pattern's [website](#) or [Facebook](#) page.



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