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MEMORANDUM

TO: Files

FROM: Richard T. Anderson

RE: Meeting with Raymond Schuler, N.Y. State Commissioner of Transportation, January 31

At the luncheon meeting with Commissioner Schuler, Assistant Commissioner John Mladinow, and one associate, we discussed their reaction to the Choices film on transportation and also general regional planning matters. Immediately prior to the luncheon, they had viewed a "fine cut/interlock" of the film.

Commissioner Schuler acknowledged the high quality of the film but repeatedly said he had a message for the Choices series and wished to be included. JPK expressed appreciation for Schuler's kind words and desire to be involved and said there were many ways to have the Commissioner participate. Unfortunately, the transportation film was not one, since it was completed.

It should be noted that Schuler was originally scheduled to meet with us on January 11 to see the film, but had cancelled the date. Had he kept the earlier date, it may have been possible to incorporate his views in the film.

Much of the non-Choices discussion centered on how to establish a mechanism for localizing transportation planning in the Region and better involving civic groups. Schuler made it clear that he thought it desirable to have RPA "at the planning table early."

It was obvious that the DOT people were annoyed at the Association's statement on the L.I. Sound Bridge proposal, and they wished they could have heard our views earlier.

JPK made it clear that we welcome an opportunity for early exchange of views but had not found DOT very receptive in recent years. On several occasions RPA had asked for a response but received none.

The luncheon was adjourned on a cordial note to follow up on better means for early discussion.

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