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## West Street Tunnel Plan

To the Editor:

I am heartened that Goldman, Sachs & Company's qualms about the proposal to build a traffic bypass at West Street, endorsed by Gov. George E. Pataki, have drawn attention to this project ("Goldman Plans at Ground Zero Are in Doubt," news article, April 5).

The residents of Lower Manhattan have vociferously objected to this \$860 million proposal for years, particularly since a \$175 million surface restoration would resolve traffic problems just as well. Unfortunately, after encouraging residents to remain downtown after Sept. 11, the government has continually dismissed their concerns.

The governor too often forgets that Lower Manhattan is not just an economic center. It is also a residential neighborhood. While commercial and residential needs and desires often conflict, here there is a remarkable convergence of opinion between Goldman and area residents. Both sides agree that this proposal is a dangerous, unnecessary boondoggle.

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