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Priti -

I want to throw my support behind the CT DOT re the swing bridge in Westport that you all are investigating. I believe that smart educated people make the best decisions. I trust that the DOT has smart educated people.

I am concerned that the noisy preservationists feel that they have a right to bully the DOT into keeping an outdated, dangerous disruptive bridge. Our town deserves:

- a safe means of crossing the river both in terms of certainty of crossing and in terms of not clipping another car because the lanes are too thin,
- a bridge that allows river traffic to flow without disrupting cars (i.e. not a swing bridge)
- an aesthetically pleasing design - it costs no more to replicate the trusses and image of the bridge to make it look olde worlde

Good luck fighting the good fight, know that there are many supporters of logic and safety.

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