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To: DOT Environmental Planning
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Subject: Cribari Bridge

Attn: Mark Alexander,

I have been a resident of Westport for 45 years, 43 of them as a resident of Bridge Street. Although there have been many changes to Westport, the bridge has remained a constant. We worked hard in the 1980's to make sure that this was possible.

I cross the bridge on an average of 4 times per day and row under it 4 days a week from March through November. During the 40+years I have not been involved in an accident, witnessed an accident, or been delayed by an accident on or approaching the bridge. Its narrow lanes deter speeding and force drivers to slow down and enjoy the scenery.

Our concerns are to maintain the historic nature of the bridge and to keep large vehicles from using Greens Farms Road and Bridge Street as an alternative to I-95. Both DOT plans to rehab or replace the bridge do not address these concerns. Both increase the height to allow 18 wheelers and other large vehicles to detour onto our narrow residential roads causing further congestion and safety issues. Both plans ignore the historic value of this unique bridge.

As a "stakeholder" I urge you to consider our concerns before designing an expensive project that will destroy our community.

Roberta Liepolt

Sent from my iPad