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**From:** Louis Mall < >  
**Sent:** Friday, July 01, 2016 1:58 PM  
**To:** DOT Environmental Planning  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Route 136 OVER the Saugatuck River No. 01349

Dear Sirs/ Madams:

I am writing to express my opinion on the project for Bridge no. 01349, also known as the William F. Cribari Bridge, in Westport, CT.

My comments are based on my experiences as a former resident of Bridge Street and later Riverside Avenue. Whether you rehabilitate or replace the existing structure, improving public safety for pedestrians, bicycles and vehicles is of primary concern.

The preservation and protection of the residential neighborhoods is critical. No semi-tractor trailers should be allowed to use the bridge as an alternative to I-95. Therefore, there should be a height restriction that prohibits Route 136 from becoming the breakdown alternative to the congestion on the Interstate. Children live here. There MUST be a height restriction going OVER the bridge.

There should be thought given to the height going UNDER the bridge.

Full consideration should be given to the maritime value of the Saugatuck River. It is a "bridge", not a "dam". We need to add to the commercial vitality of businesses along the river while improving and enhancing the recreational value as well. The river will need to be dredged some day, so please keep that consideration in mind.

The bridge MUST always remain named William F. Cribari Bridge. It was named after this man for a reason - people loved him.

There are three bridges in Westport. All serve an important link.

Police, Fire and Emergency access is essential. Their input is the most important source when it comes to serving and protecting us.

Thank you for your public meetings and listening to the concerns of the citizens of Westport.

Sincerely,

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