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I have lived in my home on Saxon Lane, Westport for over 33 years. I know well the fabric and character of Saugatuck and surrounding community. I also appreciate the incredible historical value of the bridge as well as the Bridge St neighborhood. What most residents are vehemently apposed to is any plan that allows tractor trailer trucks to use the bridge and rumble through our neighborhoods.

When the I95 thruway is backed up between exit 18 and 17 (about 3x per week), cars are lined up bumper to bumper on Bridge St and sometimes on Greens Farms Rd all the way to the Sherwood Island Connector. I can only imagine what will happen if tractor trailer trucks are added to the mix.

My suggestion is to repair the damage to the bridge and its base, widen it slightly for safety, and widen the sidewalk on the north side for bicycles and pedestrians. Most importantly, retain the current height clearance.

I can assure you with some degree of certainty, that if the DOT comes back with plans that require taking of private property or that allows large trucks to access the bridge, there will be more than a few residents willing to fight such a plan.