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Dear Sir,

As a resident of Westport CT I request the DOT consider my input when developing their plan for the maintenance/replacement of the William F Cribari Bridge St bridge.

I will be brief. The current bridge is not an historical bridgeit is a replica. The last deep maintenance program effectively achieved this.

The current bridge is a traffic bottleneck. The service to the main rail station and elementary schools is inadequate.

The current bridge is too narrow and, therefore, dangerous to vehicle traffic and treacherous to bicycle traffic.

The current bridge is not in compliance with current bridge specifications.

The current bridge does provide a look into bridge designs of the past; and

The current bridge does, due to its design, restrict large vehicle traffic.

Therefore, I would request that the DOT consider developing a bridge proposal that addresses the current issues (compliance; width; safety; peak traffic loads) whilst preserving the historical "look" and operational (swing bridge) function.

Surely, any fear that large trucks will use Greens Farms Rd and the bridge as a bypass of I 95 between exit 17 and 18 could be addressed through signage as simple as "No Trucks Allowed". Such signage is not new!

Regards

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