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**Subject:** RE: frank wood bridge replacement, Brunswick

-----Original Message-----

From: Nancy Heiser [<mailto:nancyeheiser@gmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 1:37 PM

To: Kittredge, Joel

Subject: frank wood bridge replacement, Brunswick

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25 Hemlock Rd  
Brunswick, ME

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**To:** Chamberlain, Kristen  
**Subject:** RE: frank wood bridge replacement, Brunswick

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**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2017 4:21 PM  
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Name: Charlene Swift

Phone: 6463915564

Organization:

WIN or Town: Topsham

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Replacement seems the best long-term solution. I hope DOT will re-evaluate ways to improve congestion around Main Street in Topsham and Brunswick as well. Thank you.

E-Mail: [charlene.swift@gmail.com](mailto:charlene.swift@gmail.com)

Verify: 15

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**Subject:**

RE: MaineDOT Contact Form Submission: issue: Comment on Frank J. Wood Bridge

Date: Wednesday, 05-Apr-2017 17:58:14 EDT

Name: Elizabeth Newman

Phone: 207-729-4987

Email: [liznewman@comcast.net](mailto:liznewman@comcast.net)

Topic: issue

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Date: Monday, 27-Mar-2017 14:48:41 EDT

Name: Thomas Rumpf

Phone: 2077251249

Email: [trumpfy@gmail.com](mailto:trumpfy@gmail.com)

Topic: issue

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Comments:

I am writing to comment on the proposed replacement/reconditioning of the Frank Wood Bridge between Brunswick and Topsham.

I strongly support the replacement of the current bridge with a new curved bridge just upstream of the current bridge. Having reviewed the materials provided on the DOT website, it is clear to me that trying to rehabilitate a deteriorating 85 year old bridge makes no sense from a cost perspective. In addition, as a pedestrian and bicyclist, I am very familiar with the unfriendly nature of the current bridge design to non-motorized traffic. As we look to the future, we should plan for increasing the ease on non-motorized traffic, not maintaining an existing poor design with minimal historic value.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. As a resident of Brunswick, this is an important issue for me. I regret that I will be unable to attend the public meeting at Brunswick Landing on April 5th, so please accept these comments as reflecting what I would have said, were I able to attend.

Thank you.

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Date: Wednesday, 05-Apr-2017 18:48:53 EDT

Name: Larry LaClair

Phone:

Email: [larryandjean70@gmail.com](mailto:larryandjean70@gmail.com)

Topic: general

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Comments:

Regarding: Brunswick-Topsham Bridge ("The Green Bridge" - Frank Woods Bridge)

We are not at the meeting here in Brunswick to address the four options that MaineDOT has proposed for repairing or replacing the bridge. I have read the news reports regarding the options. Regarding any option to 'repair' the bridge, I would have serious concerns regarding the estimated bridge life span AFTER the repairs and the estimated ongoing maintenance costs for the 'repaired' bridge. My inclination (and my wife just told me this is hers as well) is to simply replace the bridge and have a modern structure with a fresh start on the life span clock while the opportunity exists. We have lived in this town over 30 years and understand the vital nature of the road/bridge connection between Brunswick and Topsham.

Thank you very much.

Larry LaClair

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**From:** Phinney Baxter White <phin@governorbaxter.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 10:33 PM  
**To:** Chase, Cassandra (FHWA)  
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Thank you,

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On Apr 4, 2017, at 7:49 AM, Chase, Cassandra (FHWA) <[Cassandra.Chase@dot.gov](mailto:Cassandra.Chase@dot.gov)> wrote:

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 14, 2017 2:41 PM  
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'Kittredge, Joel'; Martin, Cheryl (FHWA); 'Frankhauser Jr, Wayne'; 'Kate Willis'; Emington, Wayne (FHWA); 'John Eldridge'; 'Norman Baker'; Drozd, Maria (FHWA); '[stevehinchman@gmail.com](mailto:stevehinchman@gmail.com)'; '[admorris@gwi.net](mailto:admorris@gwi.net)'; '[sebordwell@gmail.com](mailto:sebordwell@gmail.com)'; Nancy Grant ([nancy@bikemaine.org](mailto:nancy@bikemaine.org)); 'Folsom, Jeff'; '[ckrussell@gwi.net](mailto:ckrussell@gwi.net)'; Curtis Neufeld ([cneufeld@sitelinespa.com](mailto:cneufeld@sitelinespa.com)); Rod Melanson ([rmelanson@topshammaine.com](mailto:rmelanson@topshammaine.com)); Carol Eyerman ([ceyerman@topshammaine.com](mailto:ceyerman@topshammaine.com)); Douglas C. Bennett ([dougb@earlham.edu](mailto:dougb@earlham.edu)); Victor Langelo ([vlangelo@eclipseservices.com](mailto:vlangelo@eclipseservices.com)); Richard Cromwell ([richcromwell1@gmail.com](mailto:richcromwell1@gmail.com)); Androscoggin Dental Care ([fredwigand@gwi.net](mailto:fredwigand@gwi.net)); '[katzthal@comcast.net](mailto:katzthal@comcast.net)'; '[mnaber@achp.gov](mailto:mnaber@achp.gov)'; '[david.gardner@maine.gov](mailto:david.gardner@maine.gov)'; 'Pulver, William'; Pelletier, Steve ([steve.pelletier@stantec.com](mailto:steve.pelletier@stantec.com)); Deb Blum ([dblum@brunswickme.org](mailto:dblum@brunswickme.org)); [kirk.mohney@maine.gov](mailto:kirk.mohney@maine.gov); Phinney Baxter White ([phin@governorbaxter.com](mailto:phin@governorbaxter.com)); 'William F Morin'; Greg Paxton ([greg@mainepreservation.org](mailto:greg@mainepreservation.org))  
**Subject:** Frank J. Wood Bridge Public Meeting - April 5, 2017 at 6:00pm

Good Afternoon,

A public meeting for the Frank J. Wood Bridge project has been scheduled for **Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 6:00pm**. The public meeting will be held at the Southern Maine Community College – Midcoast Campus, LL Bean Learning Commons and Health Science Center, located at 29 Sewall Street in Brunswick, Maine. The purpose of this meeting will be to receive general public input on the environmental impacts of the proposed alternatives. I encourage you all to attend.

More information can be found in the public notice: <http://www.maine.gov/mdot/env/documents/PublicNotice22603.00.pdf>

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**Subject:** RE: bike and pedestrian access on Brunswick-Topsham bridge

-----Original Message-----

From: Kathryn Thorson [mailto:kthorson@bowdoin.edu]

Sent: Wednesday, April 05, 2017 12:57 PM

To: Kittredge, Joel

Cc: Mark Battle

Subject: bike and pedestrian access on Brunswick-Topsham bridge

To whom it may concern,

Unfortunately, I am unable to attend tonight's meeting.

I write to express my strong support for adequate bike and pedestrian access with the bridge between Topsham and Brunswick.

I live in Brunswick with my husband and two teenage children. We regularly bike across the current bridge for recreation, for work (at my last job), to get to CREA camp in Topsham (for my kids), and also to visit my parents (who live in Topsham.)

I urge the DOT to include bike and pedestrian access in all future local projects. The long-term benefits (decreased traffic, diminished conflict between bikes and cars, reduced pollution, and improved individual health with bike riding and walking instead of driving) surely outweigh the short-term costs.

Sincerely,  
Kathy Thorson, Nurse Practitioner  
18 Bowker St  
Brunswick, ME

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**From:** Curtis Neufeld <cneufeld@sitelinespa.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2017 10:25 AM  
**To:** 'Douglas C. Bennett'; 'Phinney Baxter White'  
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I would like to say I did not feel suppressed by the format of the meeting. The meeting was noticed as an 'Open House' and that is how it was conducted.

I took the opportunity to use the forms provided to give my comments, written in my words, not transcribed by others if I were speaking at a podium or from a seat in the audience. The literature available also has given me contact information to follow-up. To me, this was a better way to provide input than speaking to a large group and hoping my comments were recorded as intended, which has been the case on several of the other meeting I have attended over the last year. It is unfortunate the format of the meeting was not understood by many in attendance.

Regards,  
Curt Neufeld  
14 Merrymeeting Drive  
Topsham

Phin -- I see this differently. I don't see this as an adversarial process but rather as a public process in which we citizens are participating in trying to help public officials who have been charged with the responsibility of the decision to make a wise and prudent decision.

We're all stakeholders, aren't we? All citizens. Through our political process we've charged MDOT and Federal DOT to make certain decisions about roads and bridges, historic properties and natural resources, taking into account the comments and contributions of others. I've seen them doing just that over many months and meetings. Cassie and company were very clear about the shape of last evening's meeting well before we gathered. I don't think any suggestion of partiality or unfairness is warranted.

I've been impressed at the care Cassie and others have taken to make this a fair and transparent process in which there has been a great deal of opportunity for input and further comment. That process continues, and I hope you and others will participate. My understanding is that we will all be able to read the comments of one another. You clearly have things you want to say. So by all means say them. I read what you and other 'Friends' have to say and I hope you are listening to others. I'm confident MDOT and Federal DOT are, too.

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**Subject:** Frank J. Wood Bridge Public Meeting - April 5, 2017 at 6:00pm

Good Afternoon,

A public meeting for the Frank J. Wood Bridge project has been scheduled for **Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 6:00pm**. The public meeting will be held at the Southern Maine Community College – Midcoast Campus, LL Bean Learning Commons and Health Science Center, located at 29 Sewall Street in Brunswick, Maine. The purpose of this meeting will be to receive general public input on the environmental impacts of the proposed alternatives. I encourage you all to attend.

More information can be found in the public notice: <http://www.maine.gov/mdot/env/documents/PublicNotice22603.00.pdf>

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**Subject:** RE: Frank woods Bridge: testimony for public meeting

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**Subject:** Frank woods Bridge: testimony for public meeting

Dear Cassie,

Please accept the following statement as part of the public testimony at the MDOT meeting in Brunswick last evening, April 5. I was unable to attend even though this is an important matter for me.

I favor the new upstream bridge option for reasons fiscal and functional. Among those is my concern for the well-being of downtown Brunswick and the historic buildings on its Maine Street.

Downtown Brunswick is thriving in 2017. There are no empty storefronts. Steady rental income enables building owners to maintain and to improve their buildings, making them productive in the present and preserving the character of our National Register Brunswick Commercial Historic District. Any bridge repair that closes the bridge to Topsham for 7 months for more than two summer seasons will imperil the progress we have made through difficult and consistent work on our community.

The reality in Brunswick, and elsewhere in Maine, is that those last few sales of each business day permit merchants to make payroll and cover expenses. Income flows from peak summer months carry businesses through the lean winter season. Both tourist and local traffic drives retail and dining activity. Locals and visitors alike would seek out other destinations if their vehicular movements were complicated by a bridge closure from April through October. Businesses would fail with the consequent loss of jobs and adverse impact on building owners' plans for stabilizing and improving their properties. Many civic and non-profits would be deprived of the generous donations they reliably receive from our civic minded merchants.

I reside in the historic downtown. I initiated an annual Downtown Preservation Awards program now in its seventh year, chaired the initiative for National Register status for downtown, spearheaded acquisition of a \$250,000 facades improvement grant, and serve on the board for the Brunswick Downtown Association.

I believe rehabilitation of the Frank Woods Bridge would be damaging to the downtowns of Brunswick and Topsham, with particular and long lasting adverse impact on preservation efforts.

Claudia Knox

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**Subject:** RE: Frank J Wood Bridge

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From: Kitty Henderson [<mailto:kitty@historicbridgefoundation.com>]

Sent: Thursday, April 06, 2017 10:41 AM

To: Chase, Cassandra (FHWA)

Subject: Frank J Wood Bridge

Cassie

I am reading the emails that have come through as a result of the public meeting. While I certainly understand the meeting requirements from both NEPA and Section 106, I am curious, as an official consulting party, as to why there was information provided that now suggests the bridge can be rehabilitated with a 75 years life span that consulting parties have not received. I also know you received comments from some consulting parties who have not received a reply back and I would expect those replies to be circulated to all consulting parties.

I would like information on what to expect next—is there a calendar that lays out the schedule of consultation meetings, etc.? Was there a power point presented last night? If so, as a consulting party I would like a copy of it.

Again, while I recognize the requirements for public meetings, I hop that consulting parties are not being short changed in participating in the regulatory process and that there is a clear distinction about the role of consulting parties vs the general public.

Best,  
Kitty

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To all Maine DOT personnel involved in the Green Bridge Project:

I attended the meeting that was held in Brunswick on April 5th; and I was outraged. Please read my attached letter to the editor of the Brunswick *Times Record* and the other letter to the editor. They were published today.

**You should schedule a town hall style meeting or a public hearing in Brunswick as soon as possible; and the decision-maker(s) should be there to hear the people live.**

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**Subject:** Thank you FHWA & MaineDOT  
**Categories:** FJW

FHWA & MaineDOT TEAMS: Thank you all for your presentations (both the PowerPoint and the booths), as well as your patience and courtesy in listening to an unfortunate number of intemperate accusations. Those who read the very clear public notice of the meeting were not surprised that there was no public comment component to this meeting, which was only the most recent of a series of public meetings throughout the §106 Review:

“The meeting will begin with a brief presentation introducing the project and the alternatives being considered. MaineDOT and FHWA staff with expertise in areas such as project design and engineering, natural resources, cultural resources, and bicycle and pedestrian issues will be available in an open house format to listen to concerns, receive comments, and answer questions.”

I firmly agree with Doug Bennett’s appreciation (below) for the fairness of your process and your attentiveness to *all* the participants and their comments. To Doug’s excellent points, I would add the following considerations:

One group of advocates feels it’s appropriate to demand yet another meeting *and* a place at the podium. But there are many other groups involved in this process; here are some of those organizations that have submitted resolutions and letters in support of replacing the existing bridge:

Topsham Board of Selectmen  
Brunswick Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Topsham Lower Village Development Committee  
Brunswick Development Corporation  
Topsham Development, Inc.  
Southern Midcoast Maine Chamber of Commerce  
Bicycle Coalition of Maine

In contrast to those demanding that you convene a meeting for the specific purpose of providing them with a podium, all of the above groups are either: much larger organizations, elected municipal officers acting unanimously, or municipal committees comprised of citizen members duly appointed by elected officials.

The Chamber represents over 500 of our communities' businesses, which employ thousands of our neighbors, while the Bicycle Coalition of Maine represents approximately 5,000 members. The above municipal committees were appointed by elected municipal officers representing more than 20,000 residents in Brunswick, or more than 9,000 residents in Topsham.

Imagine the "process" that would result if all of these other groups each insisted that they were entitled to their own time at your podium: an endless meeting, a lot of speeches, but not much information or commentary that hasn't already been submitted to you. And, of course, none of these other groups have asserted that they were entitled to such special consideration.

For any group that feels they must have their own time at the podium, I would respectfully suggest that they take the simple expedient of convening their own meeting and inviting the rest of us to attend – I certainly would.

But a far more important point was well articulated by Doug:

"I don't see this as an adversarial process but rather as a public process in which we citizens are participating in trying to help public officials who have been charged with the responsibility of the decision to make a wise and prudent decision."

Exactly right. This is *not* a popularity contest; it is a public process in which we have an opportunity to provide input to our public officials, who have not just the responsibility, but the requisite expertise and resources to "to make a wise and prudent decision."

At this point, the §106 Review has continued for nearly ten months and has received and reviewed hundreds, if not thousands, of pages of historical and environmental assessments, inspection reports, engineering data, construction timelines, budget projections and many, many comments from the public. You have accessed a broad array of expertise both within, and external to, FHWA and MaineDOT.

As a result, I believe the public and the host municipalities can have full confidence that your departments now have a very strong foundation of information and expertise upon which to make a carefully considered and appropriate decision.

I think it's time for the rest of us to give you the opportunity to do just that.

Thanks,  
John

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Phin -- I see this differently. I don't see this as an adversarial process but rather as a public process in which we citizens are participating in trying to help public officials who have been charged with the responsibility of the decision to make a wise and prudent decision.

We're all stakeholders, aren't we? All citizens. Through our political process we've charged MDOT and Federal DOT to make certain decisions about roads and bridges, historic properties and natural resources, taking into account the comments and contributions of others. I've seen them doing just that over many months and meetings. Cassie and company were very clear about the shape of last evening's meeting well before we gathered. I don't think any suggestion of partiality or unfairness is warranted.

I've been impressed at the care Cassie and others have taken to make this a fair and transparent process in which there has been a great deal of opportunity for input and further comment. That process continues, and I hope you and others will participate. My understanding is that we will all be able to read the comments of one another. You clearly have things you want to say. So by all means say them. I read what you and other 'Friends' have to say and I hope you are listening to others. I'm confident MDOT and Federal DOT are, too.

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Dear Cassie,

Tonight MDOT spoke from the podium. They were able to address everyone. That's an advantageous position considering no one else was allowed to speak.

Tonight we were all suppressed. The process completely favored the message delivered by MDOT, via Joel Kittredge.

I was eager to speak. A stakeholder, **Fort Andross**, had asked me to speak.

A year ago MDOT and TY Lin said a rehabilitated Frank Wood Bridge would only last thirty years. Based on that information Fort Andross thought the plan for a new bridge seemed sound.

MDOT and TY Lin were definitive about the 30 year lifespan statement and even went to the extent of comparing the Green Bridge to a paperclip bent backwards repeatedly on itself.

— **We needed an opportunity to let people know that the MDOT quotes for a rehabilitated Frank Wood Bridge are now a 75 year lifespan.**

— **We needed an opportunity to tell the public and the media that MDOT's quotes for a rehabilitated Frank Wood Bridge include a temporary bridge that will allow for no traffic disruption during the construction phase. And no load limits on that temporary bridge.**

Your team is well aware of all of the aspects regarding the alternatives but you may not realize that certain local organizations in our area, pivotal to public support, are not savvy to these details.

For example the BDA (Brunswick Downtown Association) is under the impression that if the Green Bridge is rehabilitated it will be shut down for seven months a year during the 3 year rehab phase. They apparently have no idea that the MDOT quote for rehab includes a temporary bridge which will allow for two lane traffic as well as pedestrian access (sidewalk) for the three years during construction. If given the opportunity to speak tonight I would have alerted the public and the BDA that **Fort Andross**, Wyler's, Frontier Cafe, Local, Henry & Marty's as well as another significant Brunswick Maine Street commercial property holder are all in favor of rehabilitating the Green Bridge.

At the next meeting we want to be able to speak and we want the podium.

Thank you,

Phin

On Apr 4, 2017, at 7:49 AM, Chase, Cassandra (FHWA) <[Cassandra.Chase@dot.gov](mailto:Cassandra.Chase@dot.gov)> wrote:

Good Morning, This is a reminder that the general public meeting for the Frank J. Wood bridge project is tomorrow, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. It appears there may have been some confusion as a result of a recent e-mail sent out to some of you. The meeting will be held at the Southern Maine Community College and will be held in an open-house format. More information on the public notice, in addition to other documents that will be available at the meeting, can be found on the new project website: <http://www.maine.gov/mdot/env/frankjwood/>. Cassie

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**Cc:** kitty@historicbridgefoundation.com; Nathan Holth; Scott Hanson; John Graham; Stevie Stern; John Shattuck; lsmith@brunswickme.org; Hopkin, Megan M; Chamberlain, Kristen; Kittredge, Joel; Cheryl Martin; Frankhauser Jr, Wayne; Kate Willis; Emington, Wayne (FHWA); John Eldridge; Norman Baker; Drozd, Maria (FHWA); stevehinchman@gmail.com; seabordwell@gmail.com; Nancy BikeMaine.org; Folsom, Jeff; ckrussell@gwi.net; Curtis Neufeld (cneufeld@sitelinespa.com); Rod Melanson (rmelanson@topshammaine.com); Carol Eyerman (ceyerman@topshammaine.com); Douglas C. Bennett (doug@earlham.edu); Victor Langelo (vlangelo@eclipseservices.com); Richard Cromwell (richcromwell1@gmail.com); Androscoggin Dental Care (fredwigand@gwi.net); katzthal@comcast.net; mnaber@achp.gov; Gardner, David; Pulver, William; Pelletier, Steve (steve.pelletier@stantec.com); Deb Blum (dblum@brunswickme.org); Mohney, Kirk; Phinney Baxter White (phin@governorbaxter.com); William F Morin; Greg Paxton (greg@mainepreservation.org)  
**Subject:** Re: Frank J. Wood Bridge Public Meeting - April 5, 2017 at 6:00pm  
**Categories:** FJW

Dear Ms. Chase,

This letter is in response to the meeting of April 5, 2017. I have lived in Brunswick for over 30 years and own and work in a historic, commercial building that took me many years to rehabilitate near the Frank J. Wood Bridge in Topsham. Also, I am an incorporator of The Friends of the Frank J. Wood Bridge. The Corporation formed shortly after the MDOT meeting of April 2016 because a group of concerned citizens from Brunswick and Topsham learned that MDOT had no interest in rehabilitating the Bridge.

The Friends have met for the past year and attended all the meetings that we were invited to by MDOT. We are frustrated that MDOT does not give us the information that we request, or when they do, there is not enough time to digest it. For example, we received information the day before the April 5 meeting.

It does not matter what we call the meeting that took place on April 5—Open House, etc.; it was poorly conducted and not community oriented. MDOT had an agenda, and they were not budging. After an inadequate presentation that some people could not hear, equipment that failed repeatedly and no opportunity to clarify, the meeting broke out in chaos. People were frustrated, felt disrespected, and became angry. When many people feel this way, we all lose.

MDOT could have changed the course of the meeting by listening and clarifying the questions so that the whole group could have heard people's concerns, and then moved on to the four stations. Except, there was not station for Rehabilitation. This pointed out a major defect in the process for me: Has MDOT already made a decision and just going through the necessary steps to eliminate our historic Bridge?

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Arlene Morris

On Apr 4, 2017, at 7:49 AM, Chase, Cassandra (FHWA) <[Cassandra.Chase@dot.gov](mailto:Cassandra.Chase@dot.gov)> wrote:

Good Morning,

This is a reminder that the general public meeting for the Frank J. Wood bridge project is tomorrow, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. It appears there may have been some confusion as a result of a recent e-mail sent out to some of you. The meeting will be held at the Southern Maine Community College and will be held in an open-house format. More information on the public notice, in addition to other documents that will be available at the meeting, can be found on the new project website: <http://www.maine.gov/mdot/env/frankjwood/>.

Cassie

Cassie Chase  
Environmental Engineer  
Federal Highway Administration – Maine Division  
Office: 207-512-4921  
Cell: 207-689-8007  
E-mail: [cassandra.chase@dot.gov](mailto:cassandra.chase@dot.gov)

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**From:** Chase, Cassandra (FHWA)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 14, 2017 2:41 PM  
**To:** 'kitty@historicbridgefoundation.com'; 'Nathan Holth'; 's.t.hanson@comcast.net'; 'John Graham'; 'sstern@gwi.net'; 'John Shattuck'; 'ismith@brunswickme.org'; 'Hopkin, Megan M'; 'Chamberlain, Kristen'; 'Kittredge, Joel'; Martin, Cheryl (FHWA); 'Frankhauser Jr, Wayne'; 'Kate Willis'; Emington, Wayne (FHWA); 'John Eldridge'; 'Norman Baker'; Drozd, Maria (FHWA); 'stevehinchman@gmail.com'; 'admorris@gwi.net'; 'sebordwell@gmail.com'; Nancy Grant (nancy@bikemaine.org); 'Folsom, Jeff'; 'ckrussell@gwi.net'; Curtis Neufeld (cneufeld@sitelinespa.com); Rod Melanson (rmelanson@topshammaine.com); Carol Eyerman (ceyerman@topshammaine.com); Douglas C. Bennett (doug@earlham.edu); Victor Langelo (vlangelo@eclipseservices.com); Richard Cromwell (richcromwell1@gmail.com); Androscoggin Dental Care (fredwigand@gwi.net); 'katzthal@comcast.net'; mnaber@achp.gov; 'david.gardner@maine.gov'; 'Pulver, William'; Pelletier, Steve (steve.pelletier@stantec.com); Deb Blum (dblum@brunswickme.org); kirk.mohney@maine.gov; Phinney Baxter White (phin@governorbaxter.com); 'William F Morin'; Greg Paxton (greg@mainepreservation.org)  
**Subject:** Frank J. Wood Bridge Public Meeting - April 5, 2017 at 6:00pm

Good Afternoon,

A public meeting for the Frank J. Wood Bridge project has been scheduled for **Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 6:00pm**. The public meeting will be held at the Southern Maine Community College – Midcoast Campus, LL Bean Learning Commons and Health Science Center, located at 29 Sewall Street in Brunswick, Maine. The purpose of this meeting will be to receive general public input on the environmental impacts of the proposed alternatives. I encourage you all to attend.

More information can be found in the public notice: <http://www.maine.gov/mdot/env/documents/PublicNotice22603.00.pdf>

Cassie

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## Gardner, David

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**Subject:** RE: Question or Comment from the Frank J. Wood Bridge Environmental Process and Review Web page

-----Original Message-----

From: [vlangelo@eclipseservices.com](mailto:vlangelo@eclipseservices.com) [<mailto:vlangelo@eclipseservices.com>]

Sent: Monday, April 10, 2017 4:11 PM

To: Kittredge, Joel

Cc: Chamberlain, Kristen; Gardner, David

Subject: Question or Comment from the Frank J. Wood Bridge Environmental Process and Review Web page

Comments: It seems clear from the information presented and in talking to the various consultants, that the current bridge is not a valuable historic structure nor is it integral to the surrounding historic properties. Alternatives 3 & 4 are inadequate to handle current transportation needs of all users, particularly cyclists. About half of our club members will not cycle in the roadway over the existing bridge. I don't believe the removal of the grid drain will change their behavior.

In my opinion, alternative 2 enhances the view of the natural area and the historic buildings on both sides of the river. The existing abutments will offer excellent views and plenty of options for memorialization of the FJW bridge. Alternative 2 provides good accommodations for all users which will help connect Topsham and Brunswick's downtown districts.

At twice the cost, it makes little sense to rehabilitate an inadequate bridge just to satisfy a few who like its looks.

Organization: Merrymeeting Wheelers Bicycle Club

E-Mail: [vlangelo@eclipseservices.com](mailto:vlangelo@eclipseservices.com)

Name: Victor Langelo

Phone: 207-729-9880

Verify: 15

**Gardner, David**

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**Subject:** RE: Replace the Frank Wood Bridge- upstreaam alternative

**From:** Ric Quesada [<mailto:trq@forerivercompany.com>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 3:10 PM

**To:** Kittredge, Joel

**Subject:** Replace the Frank Wood Bridge- upstreaam alternative

Dear Mr Kittredge

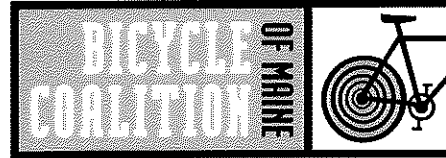
Please count me among those who support the replacement of the Frank Wood Bridge. Our historic property, on the north shore of the river, was restored before it became too late to do so -1998. Based on the available evidence and testimony, it seems that it is too late for the Frank Wood Bridge. The upstream replacement proposal seems to have the lowest cost , lowest life cycle cost, best functional value for all modes of transportation, and avoids intrusion into the historic mill properties on both ends of the bridge. We hope that you will be able to carry out this project.

Sincerely

TR Quesada  
Bowdoin Mill Associates  
5 Milk St., PO 7525  
Portland ME 04112

(207) 772-8286 ex 202





**Public Comment Regarding:**

**Frank J. Wood Bridge (BR #2016)**

**Route 201, Brunswick & Topsham, ME**

**MaineDOT WIN: 22603.00**

**April 11, 2017**

Reference File: "Frank J Wood Bridge: Summary of Alternatives" prepared by T.Y.Lin International, 3.10.17

**Summary Statement**

The Bicycle Coalition of Maine is a statewide organization that works to make Maine better for bicycling and walking. We support well-designed development and streets that create environments that are safe and welcoming for those traveling on foot or bike.

**We are writing to offer additional comments on the proposed rehabilitation or replacement of the Frank J. Wood Bridge, and its impacts on the safety and convenience of vulnerable users of the bridge. Because the proposed replacement bridge appears to offer more benefits for similar costs than rehabilitating the existing bridge (including better accommodation for vulnerable users and a longer lifespan), we believe that the best use of public funds is to replace the Frank J. Wood Bridge.**

**Project Discussion**

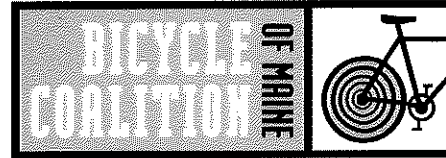
The Frank J Wood Bridge is an approximately 84 year old bridge that serves as a critical connection between Topsham and Brunswick. The bridge needs considerable maintenance, and is being considered for either rehabilitation or replacement.

We have seen no design for a rehabilitated bridge that would be satisfactory for use by bicycle riders and walkers. The latest designs we've seen for a rehabilitated bridge include "Alternate 4," which includes 4 foot shoulder bike lanes next to 11 ft travel lanes, with high curbs and guard rails at the outer limits of the roadway, as well as sidewalks cantilevered onto the bridge.

The Bicycle Coalition of Maine feels strongly that 4 foot shoulders intended for bicycle use are inadequate at this location. This bridge location is in a highly traveled bike/ped environment, and the functionality of the bridge to provide safe transit to both motorized and non-motorized users needs to be the highest priority. The poor shoulder/bike lane design of Alternative 4 may push lower skilled bicycle riders onto the narrow, 5 foot sidewalks, which will put pedestrians at increased risk.

We view rehabilitating the existing bridge as a waste of taxpayer dollars that would create less-than-optimally safe conditions—and which would only be serviceable for 30-75 years (versus 100+ years for a new bridge)—for a greater cost.

The national guidance on bike facilities is completely clear. The most current (2012) AASHTO Guide to the Development of Bicycle Facilities says: . . ."under most circumstances the recommended width for bike lanes is 5 ft (1.5 m)." (AASHTO 4-14)



This is a minimum value. The AASHTO Guide goes on to discuss circumstances where WIDER lanes may be preferable, and indeed, this is a location where the Bicycle Coalition of Maine feels that a wider bicycle lane, or a buffer next to the proposed 5 foot lane on a new bridge, would be appropriate.

**Ultimately, the Bicycle Coalition of Maine's position is that the best use of public funds, from both the perspectives of safety and fiscal prudence, would be to replace the bridge.** The costs of the two alternatives are roughly comparable (\$10 million versus \$12 million), but the benefits are not. Over the life cycle of the two options, which includes maintenance and additional work, a new bridge is much more cost effective option. Rehabbing the existing bridge only extends the life of the bridge by about 30+ years, before additional retrofits will be needed for at least another \$5 million. Outright replacement provides up to 100 years of use, with lower overall costs over the life cycle of the bridge. Rehabbing the existing bridge would preserve the currently sub-standard and unacceptable bicycle and pedestrian accommodations. Replacing the bridge would provide expanded and improved conditions for vulnerable users.

We will add here that providing the public with better images of how attractive a replacement bridge could be will help alleviate concern that the new bridge will just look like a highway bridge. As the principle objection to a new bridge is one of aesthetics, providing some evidence that a replacement bridge will look good would help the public make a better-informed choice. The current choice is between a bridge that people are familiar with, and one they are not, and the unfamiliar bridge is suspected of being irretrievably ugly. The public process should include some information about how contemporary bridges can be both functional and aesthetically pleasing.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment, and please contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Grant".

Nancy Grant  
Executive Director  
Bicycle Coalition of Maine

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James C. Tassé".

James C. Tassé, PhD  
Assistant Director  
Bicycle Coalition of Maine

April 12, 2017

Joel Kittredge  
Maine DOT  
Bridge Program  
16 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Re: Frank Wood Bridge

Dear Mr. Kittredge,

This letter is our public comment on the Frank Wood Bridge project, following up on your helpful presentation at Southern Maine Community College last week.

We manage the Bowdoin Mill complex in Topsham, which is the first property on the Topsham side of the bridge on the downstream side. Users at Bowdoin Mill include

- Sea Dog Restaurant and Blueberries Cafe, which critically depend on convenient, uninterrupted customer access from Brunswick customers,
- Office tenants which conduct regular business out of the office and to a lesser extent, have clients come to their offices, and
- Several medical users who have regional patients coming to their offices.

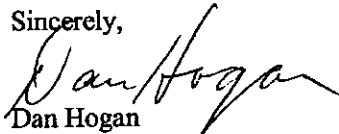
In the total, we manage about 64,665 SF of space for lease at the Bowdoin Mill. In addition, we also have about 19,709 SF of vacant space which we are trying to lease.

We strongly favor construction of a new bridge on an upstream alignment. In addition to the compelling cost savings for all of us in Maine, our attention is focused on the extensive damage the Bowdoin Mill complex would suffer from the reality and perception of traffic disruption generated by any of the repair alternatives. The lowest cost is also the simplest message to potential visitors—the existing bridge will remain in use until the new bridge is built.

In addition to disrupting existing users and scaring off prospective tenants, we fear that the repair work would discourage existing tenants from renewing their leases at the end of their current terms. While less immediately painful, we would also prefer to avoid the future disruptions to traffic caused by required future maintenance, which we believe would be less extensive for a new bridge.

Finally, I am a bicyclist (I bicycle to work at our Portland office year round). I would like to be able to bike between the Bowdoin Mill and Brunswick, but would never do so with the Frank Wood Bridge configuration. A new bridge with two bike lanes would encourage more bicycle use at our site. The value of encouraging bike use is under-appreciated. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Dan Hogan  
Property Manager

## Gardner, David

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**From:** William F Morin <williammorin@midmaine.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 13, 2017 1:35 PM  
**To:** kitty@historicbridgefoundation.com; 'Nathan Holth'; s.t.hanson@comcast.net; 'John Graham'; sstern@gwi.net; 'John Shattuck'; lsmith@brunswickme.org; Hopkin, Megan M; Chamberlain, Kristen; Frankhauser Jr, Wayne; 'Emington, Wayne (FHWA)'; 'John Eldridge'; 'Norman Baker'; 'Drozd, Maria (FHWA)'; stevehinchman@gmail.com; admorris@gwi.net; seabordwell@gmail.com; 'Nancy BikeMaine.org'; Folsom, Jeff; ckussell@gwi.net; 'Curtis Neufeld'; 'Rod Melanson'; 'Carol Eyerman'; 'Douglas C. Bennett'; 'Victor Langelo'; 'Richard Cromwell'; 'Androscoggin Dental Care'; katzthal@comcast.net; mnaber@achp.gov; Gardner, David; Pulver, William; 'Deb Blum'; Mohny, Kirk; 'Greg Paxton'; 'Penninah Asher-Graham'; 'Charles Carroll'; tvmail@wgme.com; billgreensmaine@wch6.com; swalker@brunswickme.org; sbrayman@brunswickme.org; 'Pelletier, Steve'; 'Deb Blum'; Mohny, Kirk; 'Phinney Baxter White'; 'Greg Paxton'; 'Jim Tasse'  
**Cc:** 'Marie Brillant'; 'Dave Douglass'; 'Ruth Lyons (Seleperson)'; 'Rich Roedner'; 'Bill Thompson'; 'Roland Tufts'  
**Subject:** Green Peace Bridge between Lewiston and Auburn Maine and attached page 8 picture and single view of bridge  
**Categories:** FJW

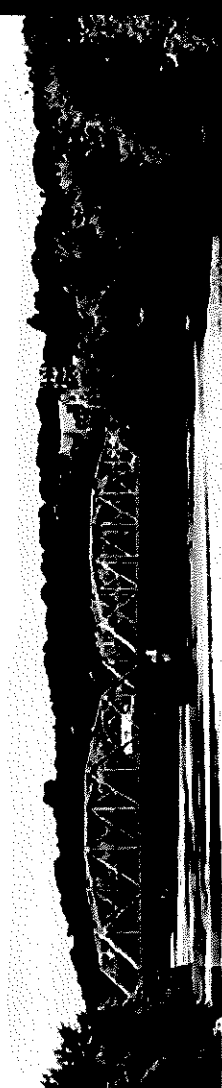
**The Maine Office of Tourism, an office within the Maine Department of Economic & Community Development, is charged with administering a program to support and expand the tourism industry and promote the state as a tourism destination. The office develops and executes effective marketing programs for the benefit of the travel and film industries, as well as the economy and the citizens of Maine by attracting visitors to the state and thereby preserving and creating jobs.**

**In 2016, tourists spent just under \$6 billion in Maine, supporting nearly 106, 000 jobs.**

**Attached is page 8 of the 2016 Maine Office of Tourism Annual Report and please note the picture of the Peace Bridge between Lewiston and Auburn Maine which is very similar to the Frank Wood Bridge.**

**It is heartening to see the Maine Tourism Office tout a green truss bridge as an appealing attraction to market to the domestic and international press, international travel trade and various marketing partnerships with Maine written media such as Down East and Yankee Magazine.**

**Thank you, Bill Morin**

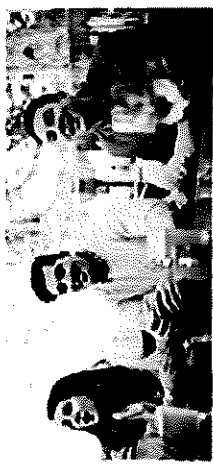


**DOMESTIC & INTERNATIONAL PRESS**

- Partnered with media reception in New York City that brought 22 Maine hunting and fishing articles to Manhattan to meet with more than 20 members of the media from outlets including Travel + Leisure, Food Network, Food & Wine, Huffington Post, Good Morning America and E! Entertainment
- Partnered with a local group of media from Canada, Mexico, USA, Turkey, Africa, Australia and New Zealand
- Through proactive media outreach and responding to inquiries, the public relations program organized a press event in Maine covering all regions of the state
- Press kits, including media kits and press kits, resulted in coverage in a mix of print, print and broadcast outlets including USA Today, Today, Travel + Leisure, Boston Globe, San Francisco Chronicle, Montreal Gazette, and other Sunday, Telegraph, and national geographic, Travel + Leisure and reported nearly 100 million impressions

**Partnered with an outdoor and lifestyle photographers to add more than 700 new photographs to the asset library**

- Partnered with Outdoor Recreation Group on an integrated mobile campaign that featured custom content specific to fishing, Maine Outdoors and sporting camps. The campaign included three articles on outdoornation.com and partnerships.com, and social share content which resulted in 33.2k social impressions
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- Partnered with the Maine State Guide Association to develop marketing content for the organization with 10 members
- Partnered with the Collective Quarterly publisher in Maine that resulted in 2.3M total online impressions and a generation of 10,000 copies
- Partnered with media from across the state

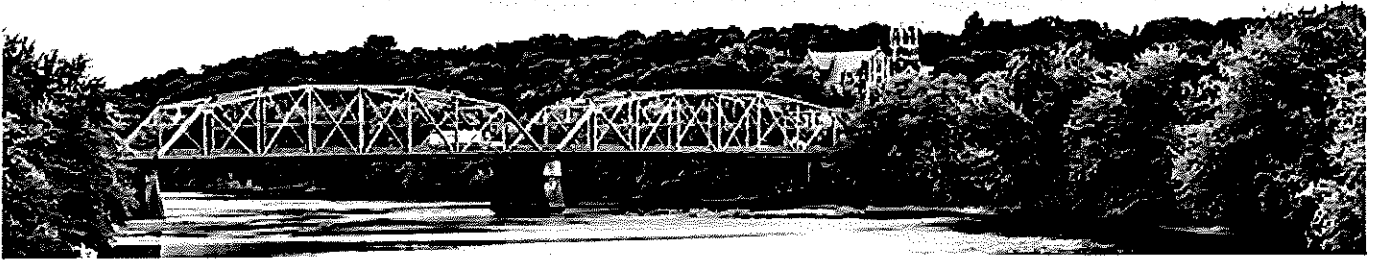


**INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL TRADE**

- Partnered with Discover New England (DNE) to develop and launch a new website for 38 international tour operators from the following countries: U.K., Germany, France, Italy, Australia
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295 Bunganuc Road  
Brunswick, Maine 04011  
April 15, 2017

Ms. Cassandra Chase  
U. S. Federal Highway Administration  
40 Western Avenue  
Augusta, Maine 04330

Re: Frank J. Wood Bridge

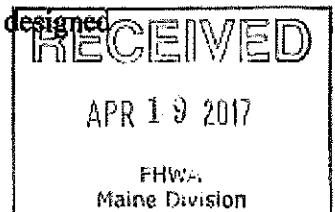
Dear Ms. Chase:

In April of 2016 I applied for Consulting Party Status with regard to the Replacement or Rehabilitation of the Frank J. Wood Bridge in Topsham-Brunswick, Maine, based on my "economic relation to the undertaking or affected properties" and "my concern with undertaking effects on historic properties". I own a historic commercial building at 13 Main Street in Topsham near the Bridge and am a supporter of historic preservation and familiar with bridge construction as a trained engineer with degrees from the University of Maine, Orono, and MIT.

My first involvement was at the April 2016 MDOT meeting when, as initially presented by the MDOT, the only alternative was replacement. Based on the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA) that requires federal agencies to consider the affects of the project and consequences thereof, a number of consulting party members have finally forced the MDOT to compile alternatives to replacement of the Bridge.

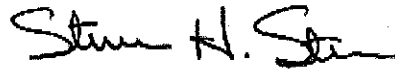
The State Historic Preservation Officer, Kirk F. Mahony's finding that Alternatives 1, 2, and 5 will have an adverse affect on the historic properties as is defined in 36 CFR Part 800.4(d) and Alternatives 3 and possibly 4 will have no adverse effect, and the Bridge is eligible for the Federal Register, we need to carefully assess the MDOT and T. Y. Lin consulting engineering firm's findings which have been greatly varied. Since I have been involved and from day one those favoring rehabilitation have requested a detailed plan and cost analysis but we are only provided limited and, I believe, biased information. Even more troubling is that the information provided was given us only one or two days prior to the Section 106 meetings not allowing for detailed analysis and proper discussion.

In summary, demolition of the Frank J. Wood Bridge would have an adverse effect on the adjacent historic mill districts and since the bridge is eligible for the Historic Register, this also would be an adverse effect. The Bridge and adjacent historic mills are a living archive, and a window into the past, and we cannot allow a flawed Section 106 process with inadequate information and with limited public input be responsible for the destruction of this historic asset. I do not believe this Section 106 process was designed



to be effective without timely information and with closed meetings, not allowing for public input. There must, therefore, be an objective, unbiased further assessment to save this historic structure and preserve the link between the historic districts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven H. Stern". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "S".

Steven H. Stern, M.D.



**Gardner, David**

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**Subject:** RE: the replacement of the f j wood brige

**From:** James [mailto:[dpjames63@comcast.net](mailto:dpjames63@comcast.net)]

**Sent:** Saturday, April 15, 2017 11:55 AM

**To:** Kittredge, Joel

**Subject:** the replacement of the f j wood brige

Joel I would like to see altrenative 2 used to replace the F J Wood bridge. It is the most cost effective and longer lasting choise.think you Paul James.

Sea Dog Brewing Company, Topsham  
1 Bowdoin Mill Island  
Suite 100  
Topsham, ME 04086

Joel Kittredge  
Maine DOT  
Bridge Program  
16 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Re: Frank Wood Bridge

April 17, 2017

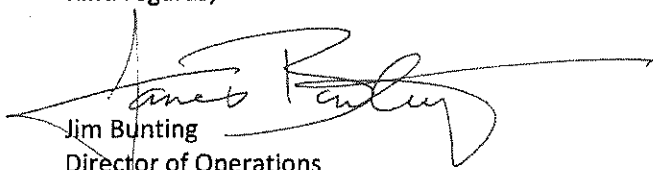
Dear Mr. Kittredge,

Thank you for the opportunity to offer public comment regarding MDOT's responsibility in addressing the Frank Wood Bridge. We recognize that the bridge, as with many other iconic and notable structures in Maine, continues to be well-loved by members of our community. However, a bridge, and in particular this bridge, is a vital connector of commerce between Topsham and Brunswick. As a major tenant of the Bowdoin Mill building, as an employer of 75 (or more) employees and a hospitality business serving high volumes of local and visiting guests – we are in support of the new upstream bridge proposal.

Our public comment comes with the risk of upsetting members of our community. Traditionally, the Sea Dog prefers a neutral view on matters. However, we have direct experience with bridge closure projects in Topsham and adjacent to our other properties in Maine. Significant interruptions, especially long term ones, are a very significant and proven negative impact to our guests, employees and business. In fact, traffic flow interruptions far exceed project timelines taking many months to recover to historic sales levels.

We appreciate your attention to our comments and hope you find in favor of a new bridge.

Kind regards,



Jim Bunting  
Director of Operations  
Sea Dog Brewing Co.

**Gardner, David**

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**Subject:** RE: Frank Wood Bridge

**From:** CP Burke [<mailto:cpb@wfnny.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 18, 2017 10:59 AM  
**To:** Kittredge, Joel  
**Subject:** Frank Wood Bridge  
**Importance:** High

Mr. Joel Kittredge  
Maine DOT  
Bridge Program  
16 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Re: Frank Wood Bridge

Dear Mr. Kittredge,

By this letter we support the new bridge proposed to replace the old Frank Wood Bridge.

The Fort Andross building and Waterfront Maine, its owner, support your concept of a new bridge. We understand the new bridge will have little effect on traffic because the new bridge will be built alongside the Frank Wood Bridge, which will accommodate traffic.

That is our #1 priority because Ft. Andross is a bee hive of activity and accommodates tenants coming from both sides of the River.

We are all bikers and we welcome the new bike path over the River.

Very truly yours,

Coleman P. Burke

**Gardner, David**

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**Subject:** RE: Frank J. Wood Bridge

**From:** Bonnie [mailto:squeaky1388@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 18, 2017 9:12 PM  
**To:** Kittredge, Joel  
**Subject:** Frank J. Wood Bridge

Bonnie Biedrzycki

76 Bridge Street  
Topsham, Maine 04086  
April 18, 2017

Dear Mr. Kittredge;

I am writing to you to express my thoughts on the Frank J. Wood Bridge!

This bridge has been so much a part of this town for all these years. I have lived here on Bridge Street for 43 years! and before that another 18 years in Topsham. It just would not be right to replace this wonderful old bridge with anything other than what it looks like today! A modern bridge would just not be fitting. It would look out of place and ruin the quaintness of these towns.

The only people that want to change the look of this bridge are the people who moved here from other states, because of our quality of our life and the way life should be. But they move here and want to change everything! Please let us have our bridge the way it should be! The way it is today. Please don't replace it. Let my grandchildren grow up having the memories that I have had all my life. It means a lot.

Thank you;  
Bonnie Biedrzycki

**Gardner, David**

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**Subject:** RE: Frank J. Wood Bridge

-----Original Message-----

From: Cynthia Howland [<mailto:cbhowland@gmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 9:31 AM

To: Kittredge, Joel

Subject: Frank J. Wood Bridge

I favor alternate #4.

Thank you.

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Hi; Just a note to tell you how much my wife and I enjoy the area when we visit Maine. The Bridge - Mill buildings and shops are a great asset and enjoyed by many visitors. I feel the photo of the bridge should be in the welcome to Maine places to visit . Really a landmark. Please save the Bridge and area. Judy Ted Zabele, vernon center ny [tjzabele@aol.com](mailto:tjzabele@aol.com)