

Gardner, David

From: rickdiamond@outlook.com
Sent: Sunday, April 02, 2017 10:49 AM
To: Hopkin, Megan M
Cc: Gardner, David
Subject: Comment about a Section 106 project

Categories: FJW

Name: Richard H Diamond

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Organization:

WIN or Town: Topsham

Comments: I am writing to express my strong support for Alternative 2 (replacement bridge, upstream alignment) to replace the Frank J Wood Bridge connecting Brunswick and Topsham. In my view, the current bridge is an eyesore. Furthermore, according to you estimates, replacing it would be quicker, cheaper , and less disruptive than rehabilitating it. Thanks for your consideration of my comments.

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Gardner, David

From: dalehinckley@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 05, 2017 1:10 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

Categories: FJW

Comments: Built a new bridge with the least disruption to both towns. "Out with the old in with the New"
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Gardner, David

From: Sallyvonb@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, April 05, 2017 7:23 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

Categories: FJW

Comments: Tonight's mtg was very poorly thought out. I was there 1) to get info on the options and 2) hear reactions and questions. As to number 1, the presentation did not provide clear pros and cons of each option. As to number 2, the "open house" format did not allow for the kind of discussion I needed to hear. Not good!

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Gardner, David

From: john@johngrahamrealestate.com
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To: Kittredge, Joel
Cc: Chamberlain, Kristen; Gardner, David
Subject: Question or Comment from the Frank J. Wood Bridge Environmental Process and Review Web page

Categories: FJW

Comments: I would like to put into comment a few take aways from last nights meeting.

First- the format was very disappointing and did not allow for one to ask questions in a public manner and hear others questions and responses.

2- I still feel strongly that the PDR needs to be released or at the very minimum the supporting documentation on where the numbers arrived from and the assumptions used in coming up with the cost estimates.

3- I would like an answer on what the process is to move Route 201 from its current location to instead join Route 1 following the Route 196 connector route. This would allow for 2-five foot bike lanes on the rehabilitated bridge and 2-ten foot travel lanes.

4. The repair work that is going to be taking place at the end of this month is a great opportunity to fully shut down the bridge and do a proper traffic study to find out if a temporary bridge is actually necessary. The detour page in the alternatives analysis shows that the detour is only 1 minute longer to the corner of 196 and Main in Topsham. What percentage of traffic is already going to this point? My guess would be a bid one.

5. The suggested deck in the rehab bridge does not have a paved surface on it. Talking with TY Lin rep they suggested it could have one but would be a little more expensive. How much. This seems like it would help with reduce the life cycle costs and future closure costs. I would like to see this included in the alternative.

6.) The contingency cost continue to be very high on the rehabbed bridge- which is understandable because there is a lot of unknown. At the same time there are detailed inspections and the complete deck is being replaced. My question is what would the cost be to replace the full length of the bottom cords- After this there isn't much left that can be unknown?

Organization: Friends of the Frank J Wood Bridge

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Gardner, David

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

Categories: FJW

Comments: Alternative 2 provides a superior viewscape for pedestrian traffic at a low lifecycle cost. I support this alternative

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Gardner, David

From: tomandjudy3@comcast.net
Sent: Saturday, April 08, 2017 12:43 PM
To: Hopkin, Megan M
Cc: Gardner, David
Subject: Comment about a Section 106 project

Categories: FJW

Name: Judith Michaud

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Organization: Mrs.

WIN or Town: Topsham

Comments: I believe the Frank Woods bridge should be replaced with the new version.

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Gardner, David

From: will@brunswickrealty.me
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2017 10:10 AM
To: Kittredge, Joel
Cc: Chamberlain, Kristen; Gardner, David
Subject: Question or Comment from the Frank J. Wood Bridge Environmental Process and Review Web page

Categories: FJW

Comments: I am a small business owner who has lived/worked in the Brunswick-Topsham area for over 32 years and wish to strongly support ANY replacement alternative. Replacement is the most cost-effective and recognizes Maine's challenging economic realities that mandate the wise expenditure of taxpayer resources. We can ignore this essential fact only in the most pressing instances of historic preservation--and this is NOT one of them.

In fact, the village areas of these two "sister" towns are more strongly linked than the present bridge would suggest. A new bridge would promote greater economic integration, eliminate the "visual barrier" while enhancing the aesthetics of the riverfront and also encourage MUCH safer and greater use by pedestrians and bicyclists, who will further benefit from new routes built from either end of the new bridge. Please use all persuasive and if necessary, legal means to prevent out-of-touch obstructionists from carrying out your departmental imperatives. Thank you.

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Gardner, David

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Cc: Chamberlain, Kristen; Gardner, David
Subject: Question or Comment from the Frank J. Wood Bridge Environmental Process and Review Web page

Categories: FJW

Comments: The green bridge is a rusty piece of ugly junk. Plus unsafe. And it RUINS the beauty of not only the river. But also the beautiful old historic building on both sides of the river! It is never beautiful and isn't really historic,,,,as it is the??3rd bridge to cross the river in that approximate location. Get rid of it and give us a new bridge that is safe for not only heavy traffic but also pedestrians and bikes on both sides of the bridge. . Currantly! As a biker! I will NOT cross on the rusty , sometimes but rarely green Frank Woods bridge. The ONLY smart, economical and safe thing to do is BUILD A NEW BRIDGE!!!

Organization: Town councilor and LIFE LONG Brunswick constiuant

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Gardner, David

From: 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

Categories: FJW

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

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Gardner, David

From: oegagne@icloud.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 6:20 PM
To: Hopkin, Megan M
Cc: Gardner, David
Subject: Comment about a Section 106 project

Categories: FJW

Name: Omer Gagne

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Organization:

WIN or Town: Frank J. Wood Bridge

Comments: From the paperwork I have seen on the project I select the option #2. ~Omer~

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Gardner, David

From: spectral1949@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2017 1:20 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

Categories: FJW

Comments: Dear Sir or Madam -I moved to Topsham a year ago and started a small business with an office in the Ft. Andross Mill building. I selected that location because I could have an office over looking the Frank Wood bridge. It's a wonderful view and I will be greatly disappointed if it is replaced by the proposed, visually unappealing new bridge. I believe Wood bridge is a valuable historic land mark and a significant tourist draw to the area that should be preserved. Thanks for your consideration. Respectfully - Larry Bernstein

Organization: Maine Molecular Sciences

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Gardner, David

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Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2017 7:03 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

Categories: FJW

Comments: As a citizen of Topsham who grew up on Walnut st and now resides on Summer st, I firmly oppose building a new bridge and urge you to go the route of rehabilitation and repair.

The Frank J. Wood bridge is a focal point of Topsham and Brunswick and a major photogenic piece to both towns. Tourists and residents alike come to take pictures of the bridge, give directions by it "the green bridge," and stand on it to get a great view of the river. Combined with Fort Andross, the entire area is scenic and unique and a landmark.

The Frank J. Wood bridge is part of what gives Topsham and Brunswick its charm, and the whole area below the damn is enhanced by the bridge. Please do not build an ugly, modern bridge in its place. Preserve the history of our towns. I urge you to use the funds on rehabilitation and repair of the bridge so the citizens and community now, as well as future generations, can enjoy the beauty and history of the Frank. J Wood bridge.

Thank you.

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Gardner, David

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Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2017 7:43 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

Categories: FJW

Comments: Hello,

As a resident of Topsham I would like to see the bridge remain using Alternative 4 method to rehabilitate/repair the bridge.

My support is for rebuilding the bridge. Thank you for your time.

Regards,

Dennis Mixon
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Gardner, David

From: quark2183@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2017 9:27 AM
To: Kittredge, Joel
Cc: Chamberlain, Kristen; Gardner, David
Subject: Question or Comment from the Frank J. Wood Bridge Environmental Process and Review Web page

Categories: FJW

Comments: There has been plenty of "progress" in Maine, in Brunswick certainly, some good, some not. Replacing the Frank Wood Bridge would make this area quite unattractive. Maine needs to hold onto its attractiveness if it is to be seen as more beautiful and thus more of a tourist destination than Massachusetts. We need to concentrate on the assets of the state and preserve them. The Frank Wood Bridge is indeed an asset and must be preserved.

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Gardner, David

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To: Kittredge, Joel
Cc: Chamberlain, Kristen; Gardner, David
Subject: Question or Comment from the Frank J. Wood Bridge Environmental Process and Review Web page

Categories: FJW

Comments: Why would anybody think that replacing (vs. rehabilitating) this bridge is a good idea for our community? This is just like the people who thought that tearing down Brunswick Town Hall in the 60's was an idea that was "good for progress" <https://www.mainmemory.net/artifact/12189>

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Gardner, David

From: Quark2183@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2017 7:02 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

Categories: FJW

Comments: We need to preserve character and, yes beauty, of the Frank Wood Bridge rather than make the Brunswick-Topsham area look like Massachusetts. The cost must be discussed, but so must the personality and desirability of our towns. Preserving this bridge preserves what we all love about our community. This is my second letter-- I wanted to be sure it got through.

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Gardner, David

From: jmunson@kentshill.org
Sent: Sunday, April 16, 2017 8:06 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

Categories: FJW

Comments: As a resident of Topsham and living at 15 Summer Street, I am the nearest residential building to the Frank J Wood bridge. I wish to express, on the strongest possible terms, my opposition to the new upstream bridge option. While the Maine DOT has certainly conveyed to the public the impression that that particular option is a foregone conclusion, I would hope the MDOT would take into consideration the feelings of the residents who will be directly and negatively affected by placement of a new bridge upstream. For me, it is not necessarily about the potential loss of character of the existing bridge. Rather, I am very concerned about the increased level of traffic noise that will result in moving the bridge closer to my house as well as the potential for having headlights shining into our house as there will be a direct line between the path of the bridge and the front of our house. Additionally, I think it would be a mistake to cover the existing falls unnecessarily. Any of the other three options that keeps a bridge (either replacement or rehab) in the current foot print would be acceptable from my point of view, even if it does result in a longer period of inconvenience from having the bridge closed.

At the recent non-hearing in Brunswick, I attempted to have my concerns addressed at one of the information stations but I received no satisfactory answers. The one statement I did keep hearing was that the upstream bridge proposal would have no detrimental effect on any of the houses on Summer Street. But I wonder if MDOT actually contacted any of the residents for their opinions. I know I wasn't, and I can't help but think that any statement concerning the effect on the residents of Summer Street should only be made by someone who actually lives on Summer Street. So, from my point of view: No upstream alternative is acceptable.

Thank you,

Jeff Munson

15 Summer Street

Topsham

Organization: Resident, Topsham

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Gardner, David

From: Emilyrcarter39@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2017 8:29 PM
To: Hopkin, Megan M
Cc: Gardner, David
Subject: Comment about a Section 106 project

Categories: FJW

Name: Emily Carter

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Organization:

WIN or Town: Topsham

Comments: I am a resident of Topsham and the manager of one of the larger retail businesses in Brunswick. I talk with hundreds of residents and tourists. I am told over and over again that one of the main reasons people chose to live in and visit our area is because of the beautiful community. People feel like they have come to a special place where community decisions are not just based on cost, but the greater welfare of the residents. The plans for a new bridge are not in keeping with the surrounding buildings and would be a great disappointment to all those who live here and come to visit.

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Gardner, David

From: mmcarter25@me.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 5:49 AM
To: Hopkin, Megan M
Cc: Gardner, David
Subject: Comment about a Section 106 project

Categories: FJW

Name: Matthew Carter

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Organization:

WIN or Town: Frank J Wood Bridge

Comments: As a resident of Topsham for the past 15 years, I've come to appreciate the value of preserving our town's historical landmarks. The bridge is a local landmark that adds to the character of the area, and the importance of preserving it has been undervalued in the discussions about replacement/repair. The projections of longevity of concrete structures of the type proposed has been exaggerated in these discussions. It is financial feasible to repair the bridge and leave this part of history intact, and it would be irresponsible not to do so.

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Gardner, David

From: Mitchell, Kip
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 7:27 AM
To: Gardner, David
Subject: FW: Question or Comment from the Frank J. Wood website

Categories: FJW

Good morning Dave,

I got this e-mail through the webmaster account.

Kip

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

From: faithkmoll@gmail.com [<mailto:faithkmoll@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, April 16, 2017 3:26 PM
To: Mitchell, Kip
Subject: Question or Comment from the Frank J. Wood website

Comments: Please replace the Frank Wood bridge. Do not squander millions on repair of the bridge now obsolete and environmentally dangerous. Do not be influenced by noise. There are at least 100 open span bridges in Maine in better shape and aesthetically better situated. This bridge ruins the view up and down the river. We need a modern, concrete bridge that will stop dropping rust and lead in the river and on fishermen.

Organization: citizen of brunswick

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Gardner, David

From: alpha.nr.01@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 7:33 AM
To: Kittredge, Joel
Cc: Chamberlain, Kristen; Gardner, David
Subject: Question or Comment from the Frank J. Wood Bridge Environmental Process and Review Web page

Categories: FJW

Comments: I would like to see the bridge be rehabilitated, not torn down. It is a cornerstone landmark in our town and to tear it down would be terrible.

Organization: individual

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Gardner, David

From: netesta33@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 8:38 AM
To: Kittredge, Joel
Cc: Chamberlain, Kristen; Gardner, David
Subject: Question or Comment from the Frank J. Wood Bridge Environmental Process and Review Web page

Categories: FJW

Comments: Hello, I would like to see the Frank J. Wood bridge rehabilitated. It is unique and historic feature in my neighborhood. Thank you for your time.

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Gardner, David

From: scottesmith237@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 8:38 AM
To: Kittredge, Joel
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Subject: Question or Comment from the Frank J. Wood Bridge Environmental Process and Review Web page

Categories: FJW

Comments: I grew up on the Topsham side of the Black Bridge. I walk to work via the swinging bridge to Frontier in the mill. These bridges have been apart of the community and the downtown and historical charm of Brunswick/Topsham. To replace the Frank J Wood bridge would be to change the way our town is travelled. These bridges are our history. Let's not forget the Mill workers like my grandparents. These bridges are too important to not restore. Please save OUR bridge!

Organization: 1989

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Gardner, David

From: cindykennett@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 9:40 AM
To: Hopkin, Megan M
Cc: Gardner, David
Subject: Comment about a Section 106 project

Categories: FJW

Name: Cynthia Kennett

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Organization:

WIN or Town: Brunswick

Comments: We want to submit our support for the longterm proposal to completely replace the Brunswick-Topsham green bridge rather than to "rehabilitate" it. This solution is for the greater good of the people and the area as well as the only one that is fiscally responsible. This bridge is not an historic monument or architectural treasure. It is, in fact, an unsafe, outdated, eyesore.

Cynthia and Ervil Kennett

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Gardner, David

From: csteele48@gmx.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 11:08 AM
To: Kittredge, Joel
Cc: Chamberlain, Kristen; Gardner, David
Subject: Question or Comment from the Frank J. Wood Bridge Environmental Process and Review Web page

Categories: FJW

Comments: PLEASE rehab and restore this historic bridge. I've lived near it for over 40 years and cannot imagine this area without it - it's a very important part of this area's history. I only wish it had been better taken care of over the years, so it wouldn't have reached its current sad state of disrepair. Thank you for providing a way to submit my input.

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Gardner, David

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

Categories: FJW

Comments: I think it is important to preserve & maintain historical structures such as the Frank J. Wood bridge in Topsham when we have the opportunity to do so. This bridge is an iconic structure that continues to deliver a sense of the historic past on a daily basis for the people of, and visitors to, the towns of Topsham and Brunswick.

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Gardner, David

From: jonnycardboard@earthlink.net
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 1:08 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

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Comments: Dear Sir/Madam

Recently I heard about the proposal to demolish the Frank J. Wood bridge and replace it with a concrete span, I feel this will be a disservice to the community and the state of Maine.

I am proud to call myself an American however I was born and raised in the UK. The UK has long since recognized the inherent beauty of many industrial sites and artifacts; it has discovered that by keeping and maintaining great industrial design the local population becomes proud of their city and also offers a windfall in that tourists (like myself) happily make wide detours to view such products of history thereby adding outside dollars to the local economy.

I ask that you retain the Frank J. Wood bridge in its current form.

Thank you for your time in reading this letter.

Yours sincerely

Jonathan Ro-Schofield.

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Gardner, David

From: geoffsignup@mac.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 2:34 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

Categories: FJW

Comments: I grew up in Brunswick and have watched the town evolve since the 70's. The F.J. Wood bridge is, in my opinion and that of many others, and ICONIC design element of both Brunswick, Topsham, and the entire region. Not only are these types of steel bridges historic in nature, echoing the early modernization and industrialization of rural Maine mill towns, they provide one of the few functionally-visual "constants" to residents, travelers, and enthusiasts of Maine culture. It has become, like many of the rural bridges, a beautifully integrated element of the town we know, love, and remember. In this case we have an amazing opportunity to save and conserve this with an approach that is uniquely characteristic of True "Mainers". Don't throw it away- FIX IT, use. Make better what we already have. Appreciate it for those qualities of unique Maine conservationist attitude. Even if it requires more time, we will be left with something that is special and noteworthy.

Something that we can remind our children and grandchildren of every time we drive over it or view it as we drive by. It's an heirloom of history worth saving. Please don't underestimate this important design and engineering element of our past and take the time to weave it into the tapestry of our future. If we don't take a stand on small issues such as this one, we will watch what makes Brunswick, and all small towns in Maine, special simply dissolve into a homogenized "New England" landscape.

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Gardner, David

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Gardner, David

From: jenniferwurst@gmail.com
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To: Kittredge, Joel
Cc: Chamberlain, Kristen; Gardner, David
Subject: Question or Comment from the Frank J. Wood Bridge Environmental Process and Review Web page

Categories: FJW

Comments: I am a concerned citizen. I am contacting you to request the rehabilitation of the Frank J. Wood bridge - rehabilitating it would keep the integrity of the town, area and history of both Brunswick and Topsham. A historic bridge such as this cannot be replaced. Losing it would be just that - a loss for all of us now and for those of us yet to visit this historic area...don't tear it down for the sake of money. Save it for the sake of something that money cannot replace - history and beauty.

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Gardner, David

From: valkyrie.cycles@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 3:25 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

Categories: FJW

Comments: The replacement and/or repair should really try to reflect the older classic design of this iconic Brunswick landmark. People enjoy Maine for its reflection on simple times gone by. (AKA The Way Life Should be). Please take this note as weight that this matters to us in the community. A slab of concrete will not do. Thanks!

Organization:

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Gardner, David

From: dbmb777@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 5:12 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

Categories: FJW

Comments: I totally support building alternative 2 and removal of the current bridge. This is the best physical and financial solution.

I also support the work of the citizens advisory committee and the design recommendations they have put forward. The group has thoughtfully considered all pertinent aspects of this project.

Organization:

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Gardner, David

From: jendriscoll99@ymail.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 8:01 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

Categories: FJW

Comments: Please consider the importance of the Frank Wood bridge connecting Brunswick and Topsham Maine. This steel tressel bridge signifies a time in Americas history when we made major progress in technology and our workers hand forged steel to connect communities. This bridge is priceless in its significance to our American culture.

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Comments: I would like to see this bridge rehabilitated to the glory it deserves. It has been neglected for FAR too long and NOTHING can or should replace it. DO NOT raze our Frank J. Wood Bridge for a poor replacement that only satisfies short-sighted financial concerns. Some things have value beyond dollar signs. Ask our visiting tourists from away, they'll tell you the same!

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Categories: FJW

Comments: Dear FHWA and MDOT,

This bridge should undoubtedly be rehabilitated.

All other options are inappropriate for our community. TY-Lin is inappropriate for our community. Highway deck span bridges are inappropriate for our community.

We have a historic, walk-able, thriving downtown. The Frank J. Wood Bridge is an essential part of this. Without it, our community would lose its character, its charm, its connectivity to our historic past. The historic mills, flanking each end of the bridge, are old and require work. Should we tear them down too and build faux-masonry office buildings in their place because they are cheaper? Absolutely not! The same is true for this bridge.

The Frank J. Wood bridge, as is, has a fantastic pedestrian corridor that is safely outside of the super structure and separated from vehicles. This makes it appealing to pedestrians and quite unique from the proposed alternatives that are wide open with no sense of enclosure.

Folks have voiced concerns about bicycle safety. One option is to add an additional, bicycle only path, on the downstream side of the bridge (rather than creating an additional pedestrian path). This would bring the bridge up to contemporary safety standards and fit the aesthetics of what make this bridge so wonderful.

No one would use the "viewing lookouts" proposed by TY-Lin. These are wide open to vehicles and sunlight. Again, the existing pedestrian way provides a sense of enclosure and safety and, believe it or not, shade for the first half of the day.

The bridge is wonderful as is and, when restored, will be an attraction!! Everyone is so fed up with its current state of rust and neglect that they cannot see beyond this simple fact.

Where has MDOT been for the past 30 years in regards to paint and maintenance? This is a very sad situation for our community that no one from MDOT acted sooner and with preventative measures to avoid this situation altogether.

The bridge posting is absolutely fine. The bypass bridge, a mile downstream, is perfectly suited for such traffic. We don't want such large traffic on our downtown streets in any event! This bridge is appropriately scaled as is. This bridge already creates a calming affect on drivers. This bridge allows for views up and downstream when driving over it! You are fooling no one in suggesting otherwise.

Please do not destroy our downtown with a horrendous replacement bridge that is not worthy or our unique place. The bridge, as it stands, IS worthy, and is worthy of a much needed rehabilitation.

Sincerely,

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Gardner, David

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To: Kittredge, Joel
Cc: Chamberlain, Kristen; Gardner, David
Subject: Question or Comment from the Frank J. Wood Bridge Environmental Process and Review Web page

Categories: FJW

Comments: To whom it may concern:

As a resident of Brunswick, I ask that the Frank J Wood bridge be restored. I believe there is a common ground and an alternative somewhere between MDOT and the folks who want the Frank J Wood bridge to live on. I ask that this alternative is found in a way where it will please everyone involved. To me, as well as many residents with whom I've spoken, the Frank J Wood Bridge is a display of art, history and culture. This bridge is a landmark. One that is highly photographed by artists, for good reason. Not many of these Truss Bridges remain. I ask that this one be spared. A rehabilitated bridge, restored with new paint would truly make Brunswick and Topsham stand out as beautiful and historic towns. It would enhance the art and culture that is here already. For the cyclists, perhaps one of the two proposed sidewalks can be converted to a concealed bike path, making the bridge a completely safe and awaited stretch of any bike ride.

Thank you,

Evan Duda

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Gardner, David

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Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 4:15 PM
To: Hopkin, Megan M
Cc: Gardner, David
Subject: Comment about a Section 106 project

Categories: FJW

Name: Bernie Breitbart

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Organization:

WIN or Town: Brunswick/Topsham

Comments: I urge you to replace the Frank Wood Bridge with new construction. There is nothing historic about this bridge. There have been many bridges at this location. We need a new bridge that will open the river vistas.

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Comments: I feel that the removal of such a major landmark and aesthetic fixture in both Topsham and Brunswick would not only deteriorate the overall appeal of the area in question, it would also open up the pedestrian paths to more dangerous conditions. The current bridge visually cues drivers to take caution and slow down, which in turn gives them time to see the true beauty of this architectural piece. Both towns will lose a piece of their history and their connection to such a well known and wonderful icon. I am strongly against the replacement of the Frank J Wood bridge. It should be repaired and refurbished in place so that generations can continue to enjoy it and so that both Topsham and Brunswick will not lose a part of their identity.

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Gardner, David

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Cc: Gardner, David
Subject: Comment about a Section 106 project

Categories: FJW

Name: Alison Harris

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Organization: Resident of Brunswick, formerly of Topsham WIN or Town: 22603.00 - Brunswick & Topsham

Comments: I support replacing the Frank J. Wood Bridge between Brunswick and Topsham with a new bridge based on "Alternative 2: New 835 ft Bridge on Curved Upstream Alignment."

The new bridge, with a lower profile, will afford sweeping upstream and downstream views of the Androscoggin River and of the historic mills and properties on either side of the river. For me, the river is the significant historic feature of our two towns, not the means of crossing it, which has varied over the centuries.

Building a new bridge is fiscally responsible. With the \$4 million cost of building a temporary bridge – essential for the economic health of our two towns – the cost of rehabilitation exceeds that of building a new bridge by \$4.5 million. The cost over service life of a rehabilitated bridge's 75-year lifespan would exceed that of a new bridge's 100-year lifespan by almost \$21 million. And the rehabilitated bridge would need to be replaced or rehabilitated again 25 years before a new bridge.

A rehabilitated bridge would continue to be hazardous to cyclists using the roadway, even with proposed improvements to the road bed. The sidewalks – at least the existing one – is too narrow to accommodate pedestrians and cyclists together.

Presumably, Native Americans once crossed in canoes. After Brunswick was settled in 1628 and Topsham was settled about 40 years later, ferries plied the river between the town. In the 132 years, starting in 1796, before the construction of the Frank J. Wood Bridge in 1932, there were a succession of bridges of various styles and in various locations near the falls. The superstructure of this latest bridge obscures the views of the river that is the genesis of our towns' settlements. We need to carefully document its existence during these 85 years of Brunswick's 389-year-old history as a settled community, then replace it with a bridge that will serve us into the 22nd century.

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

Categories: FJW

Comments: Cassandra Chase
Federal Highway Administration

Dear Ms. Chase:

I am the owner and founder of Frontier Cafe, Cinema and Gallery located in the Fort Andross Mill overlooking the Frank J. Wood Bridge.

I built Frontier in this location primarily due to the unique historical character of the two mills and the Frank J. Wood Bridge. I've invested a great deal of time and money to create a destination centered around sense of place. The bridge is the anchor of this sense of place. It creates the language that speaks to both mills and connects two historic down towns.

The Frank J. Wood Bridge is a significant and historic landmark that draws visitors to Brunswick. And it gives all of us who live here the opportunity to connect with this special character. This connection strengthens our sense of community.

We hear about this significance every day from our guests as they look out the window and connect with this special landscape. Without the Frank J. Wood Bridge the character fundamentally changes, the scale changes and the experience changes. All of these changes would negatively impact our business. It's difficult to accurately qualify a project like this. But tearing down the Frank J. Wood Bridge would undoubtedly effect the character of this unique mill district permanently.

Ever since I became a part of this community the prevailing conversations have been about creating a destination, by linking the historic down towns of Brunswick and Topsham. This was to be achieved in part by slowing down traffic and making the streets more pedestrian friendly. The removal of the Frank J. Wood Bridge does not help achieve these goals.

The arguments thus far to remove the Frank J. Wood Bridge are not compelling enough for me to believe it's a net gain, but rather a net loss.

I urge that full consideration be given to the rehabilitation of the Frank J. Wood Bridge for continued use for many more decades.

Sincerely,
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Categories: FJW

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Comments: I think the old green, Frank Wood, bridge should be torn down, It is an eyesore and difficult to maintain. I am 71, as born in Brunswick and have been here my whole life. I do not think it is worth saving for historic purpose I think the mills on both sides of the river are more historic and beautiful, and currently the beauty of the mills and the river are overshadowed by the ALWAYS rusty, ugly bridge...that in and of itself, does not serve all citizens of Brunswick and Topsham. Sidewalks on just one side cause the danger of citizens having to cross traffic at several very dangerous points..such as the Anniversary park...a gem that doesn't get it full worth shown or used. Also if wanting to walk or bike to businesses on the Topsham side of the bridge crossing the street is scary I am a biker, and I will NOT ride across the green bridge...It is just not safe, nor wide enough. A new bridge is the ONLY answer in my mind.. I also do not think the green bridge sh

ould qualify as historic,..My Dad, born in Brunswick spoke of a couple other bridges that were truly historic...This green bridge is simply a mean of crossing the river built in a time when no one knew how else to do it... It is not historic, it is an outdated piece of junk...ugly to look at and FAR too expensive to maintain .

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