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## Report of Meeting #5

**Present:** See attached sign-in sheets.

**Meeting Purpose:** At the last PAC meeting, PAC members were asked to go back to the groups they represent, communicate the alternatives concepts, and gather feedback before the fifth and final PAC meeting. The purpose of this wrap-up meeting: to solicit input from PAC members on all of the alternatives presented at previous meetings, consider additional screening criteria and key environments to be evaluated as part of the impacts analysis, and review next steps in the National Environmental Policy Act/Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (NEPA/CEPA) process.

**Binders:** The new distributed binder materials for PAC members were reviewed including: summary report of PAC meeting #4, PAC meeting #5 presentation slides, updated alternatives comparison matrix, bridge opening information, and vehicular and navigational clearance diagrams.

### Review of Updates to Alternatives Comparison Matrix

- Added row with cost range information at PAC's request
- Added row for construction disruption to local area, such as parking space loss and business disruption at PAC's request
- Added information to clarify vertical clearance

PAC members requested four action alternatives superimposed on existing Cribari Bridge, to be provided via the project website. It had also been requested that crash data within the vicinity of the bridge be made available.

**Alternatives:** PAC members were reminded that the No Build and previously discussed conservation, rehabilitation, and on- and off-alignment replacement alternatives will be carried forward in the Environmental Assessment (EA)/Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE). A final PAC workshop was conducted to solicit comments (see attached for input received).

PAC members were reminded that the concepts previously presented for each alternate were drafts or starting points to give members an overall idea of what the alternate may look like, so that they can focus on and provide valuable input regarding the resulting impacts. It was noted during the meeting that the time for discussing specific design considerations (i.e. structure type, lane width, shoulder width, etc.) would be after the development of a Structure Type Study, which would only occur if a replacement alternate were to be recommended in the EA/EIE process. The final alternatives that will be carried forward in the EA/EIE may be a combination of the draft alternatives or others.

The Department will evaluate the benefits and impacts of all alternatives discussed and prepare an EA/EIE report, that will be distributed for public comment, showing a preferred alternative.

### Key Issues Discussed:

- Scale and perceptual changes to the landscape/viewshed for various user groups (i.e., drivers, bicyclists, pedestrians, patrons of businesses/restaurants with view of the bridge).





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- Vehicular safety. Driver perception of the bridge being too narrow; balance widening for safety with keeping scale consistent with the surrounding landscape.
- Resiliency. Design taking sea level rise into account; mechanical elements and roadway out of water in flood events.
- Conduct cost-benefit analysis.
- Consider high-school rowers as a river user group.
- Cribari Bridge important to Bridge Street Historic District.
- Adding a second sidewalk to the project would usually be at the request of the Town, which would consider its existing pedestrian network, or any plans for future improvements for pedestrians in the general area. At this point, the Town has not made such a request or commitment that a plan to extend any sidewalks beyond the existing layout for the project area.

**Next Steps in the NEPA/CEPA Process:** Reminder that the PAC has been providing input for the Alternatives Analysis. Next steps include Documentation and Impacts Analysis, which is anticipated to run through the Fall of 2019. The Section 106 process will take place concurrently; however, it was noted that the Section 106 process must conclude prior to the completion of the EA. Although this is the final PAC meeting, there will be additional opportunities for public involvement. Once the EA/EIE has been prepared, the public will be notified of its availability for review, tentatively in early 2020. There will be a formal comment period and a public hearing anticipated in early 2020. Finally, the Department will respond to comments and revise the document. It's anticipated that the Department will prepare a Finding Decision Document under NEPA and a Record of Decision under CEPA by Spring 2020. The project website will be maintained by CTDOT throughout the process.

Questions and comments can be sent throughout the process, directly to the Department via:

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# WORKSHOP SHEETS

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The Westport Shellfish Commission  
May 8, 2019



### Alternatives Comparison Chart

	No Build	Conservation	Rehabilitation	Replacement (On-Alignment)	Replacement (Off-Alignment)
PAC Member Name/ Organization:  Shellfish Commission  Wetlands  Water Quality	Any work must include a sediment trap basin to capture all heavy metals and any required or additional prevention, corrective or remediation of existing roadway runoff should be included as part of any work.				

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If possible ←

2 ft of freeboard should be allotted  
to prepare for Sea Level Rise.  
If possible/practical



## Alternatives Comparison Chart

	No Build	Conservation	Rehabilitation	Replacement (On-Alignment)	Replacement (Off-Alignment)
PAC Member Name/ Organization:  Bridge Street Neighborhood		Every member of the Bridge Street Neighborhood prefers this or ← the No Build option.			
		The Crivari Historic Bridge is an integral part of the Nationally Registered Neighborhood			
		setting & historical context is vital		Destruction of the Neighborhood would be intolerable & completely unwelcome.	

Are you aware of the existence of the Elderly Housing complex in the former Sagatuck Elementary School?



## Alternatives Comparison Chart

	No Build	Conservation	Rehabilitation	Replacement (On-Alignment)	Replacement (Off-Alignment)
PAC Member Name/ Organization:  Matthew Mandel  Chamber of Commerce	not an option	Possible          Bottom line - This is an historic bridge and represents the character of the community. Keep the bridge and making it safe and useful is the goal.	Keep it 13' 11" Water resistant equipment is a positive. Super highway is of benefit. Don't like ugly guard rail - Alternative should be designed to accomplish same.	not in best interest in the long term health + character of the town. New bridge is not an option.	



## Alternatives Comparison Chart

	No Build	Conservation	Rehabilitation	Replacement (On-Alignment)	Replacement (Off-Alignment)
PAC Member Name/ Organization: Sane Westport Now	Prob. the 2nd Best Alt. - But load limits are a concern	Probably the Preferred Alternative <u>However</u> great concern about the potential disruption and delays in Saugatuck esp. for commuters given need for temp. bridge	Too little gain and too expensive	outrageous cost for little gain (except for Robbie Guimond) <hr/> not in best interests of town to build such a large structure <hr/> concerns about scale	outrageous cost for little gain (except for Robbie Guimond) <hr/> ← →



## Alternatives Comparison Chart

	No Build	Conservation	Rehabilitation	Replacement (On-Alignment)	Replacement (Off-Alignment)
PAC Member Name/ Organization:  WESTPORT PRESERVATION ALLIANCE		PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE BY OUR ORGANIZATION TO MAINTAIN HISTORIC INTEGRITY OF NR STRUCTURE AND PRESERVE CHARACTER & NATURE OF BRIDGE ST. NAT. REG. DIST.			



## Alternatives Comparison Chart

	No Build	Conservation	Rehabilitation	Replacement (On-Alignment)	Replacement (Off-Alignment)
PAC Member Name/ Organization:  <u>BOB</u> <u>CARRALE</u>  IMPERIAL LANDING ASSOC.				MAJOR CONCERNS ABOUT AESTHETICS AND TRAFFIC  - INCLUDING NOISE AND LIGHT POLLUTION	<u>NOT</u> IN FAVOR OF ANY PERMANENT ACQUISITIONS OF LAND OR PROPERTY
				GENERALLY NOT IN FAVOR OF REPLACEMENT OPTIONS	



## Alternatives Comparison Chart

	No Build	Conservation	Rehabilitation	Replacement (On-Alignment)	Replacement (Off-Alignment)
PAC Member Name/ Organization: Sarah Connolly Saugatuck Rowing Club	Roadway is still narrow		Does not increase the width of the roadways		Visually we do not want a huge, out of character bridge

In the conservation, rehabilitation, replacement both on a off alignment the amount of time ~~the~~ ~~is~~ Under the bridge is closed should be considered. We have over 200 children depending on rowing ~~access~~ access for college scholarships. We need full access from March to April.

# SIGN-IN SHEETS



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