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To: DOT Environmental Planning

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Subject: Reasons to Preserve the Historic Cribari Bridge in Westport (aka the Saugatuck Swing

Bridge)

Dear Mr. Alexander:

Please encourage and support the preservation of the Cribari Bridge, aka the Saugatuck Swing Bridge. This bridge is one of Westport's most important and iconic historical resources and it is greatly valued by those of us who live here and use it every day. It contributes to the special character of Saugatuck Village and it prevents large trucks from using our local streets and endangering pedestrians, joggers, and bikers.

It has been pointed out that the Saugatuck Swing Bridge is the nation's oldest, active span of its type. For this reason, and those mentioned above, the bridge should be repaired and preserved in its current dimensions, not enlarged, raised, moved or replaced.

Thank you for your consideration and, hopefully, support of the preservation of this unique and important bridge.

Sincerely,

Judy Starr