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I am a preservationist, and I have a long history with the Saugatuck Bridge. I lived in Westport for 20 years and crossed the bridge every day. I am now a resident of Fairfield and still use the bridge every day as I row at the Saugatuck Rowing Club.

I strongly believe we need to preserve the bridge as is. It is a part of our history. Our historical structures give our community a sense of who we are and gives us a connection with our past.

Besides the historical question, I believe that using either the existing bridge or a temporary bridge will create a traffic nightmare for the Saugatuck neighborhood. The logistics of having big trucks charging by on the quiet streets of the neighborhood will destroy its charm and character. This neighborhood has had resurgence in the last few years with many new restaurants and shops starting up. It has become very charming. Heavy traffic will destroy all that it has become.

Please preserve our Saugatuck neighborhood and our lovely bridge and find another way to divert traffic.

Regards,

Barbara Nash