

APPENDIX B
PUBLIC WORKSHOP
COMMENTS

October 2008

October 6, 2008: Jefferson Community College

October 7, 2008: Brooke County High School

October 8, 2008: Millsop Community Center

October 9, 2008: Buckeye North Middle School

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Dates: October 6-9, 2008 (Comment Sheet obtained from BHJ Website)

Subject: INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP PUBLIC MEETING

Project: The Proposed Ohio River Crossing
Brooke County, WV and Jefferson County, Ohio
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Federal Project: HPP-0223(003)D

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Please consider the following comments:

It is important both the Ohio Department of Transportation, the West Virginia Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration work together to retain the integrity of the Brooke-Hancock-Jefferson Metropolitan Planning (BHJ) bridge system.

The BHJ regional bridge system has four component parts.

- The Fort Steuben Bridge (ODOT Ownership)
- The Veterans Memorial Bridge (WV DOT Ownership)
- The Market Street Bridge (WV DOT Ownership)
- A Proposed New Ohio River Bridge South of Wellsburg, WV (Proposed WV DOT Ownership)

If the Fort Steuben Bridge and Market Street were to close before the construction of a new Ohio River Bridge crossing, the bridge system would fail due to access issues at the Veterans Bridge.

While funding is a front issue for future improvements, the age and structural capacity of this bridge system does not stand still. It is a safety, traffic congestion, emergency issue and job issue. These concerns have been validated in previous studies.

(Please print the following information)

Name: John C. Brown
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Steubenville, OH 43952

Organization (if any):

Brooke-Hancock-Jefferson Metropolitan Planning Commission

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NO, WE JUST SPEND NEW MONEY ON
A BRIDGE THERE AND
HOW MANY FROM THE SCHOOL
DO WE HAVE TO GET ACROSS
CROSS LINE
WORK OUT MORE OF OUR
COUNTRY LIFE

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(Please print the following information)

Name: Becky Coady
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Minneapolis, MN 55412

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I BELIEVE THE FIRST PRIORITY
SHOULD BE A WASHINGTON STREET
BRIDGE AT STEUBENVILLE.

THE GREATEST GOOD FOR THE
GREATEST NUMBER OF PEOPLE

(Please print the following information)

Name: James Rinaudo
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Toronto OH 43964

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I UNDERSTAND MARKET BRIDGE WILL
CLOSE - STILL SUPPORT SOUTHERN
BROOKE - SOUTHERN JEFFERSON COUNTY

(Please print the following information)

Name: Helen Mayle
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Brilliant, OH 43913
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*I shot the bridge across the Ohio River, between
the Washington and Brilliant would be a great
boost to the economy of the Ohio Valley. People
could travel to Wheeling & the Pennsylvania
area. There use to be a ferry across that years ago
when I was a little girl, like 50 years ago. My two
Aunts are very active with the research and push
getting information gathered. I was home raised in
Brilliant. Moved to this area 13 years ago due to
my husband's job change. My heart remains in the
Ohio Valley and hope that the bridge becomes a
reality for all my family and friends in that area.*

(Please print the following information)

Name: Donna Bradley
Address: 158 Glenview Dr.
Avon Lake, Ohio 44012

Organization (if any):

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*My name is Julia Silchrist I'm 85 1/2 years
So you people have the Bridge started
I hope I see the day I will cross
on the Bridge. I'm 85 so I don't have
too many days left. Brilliant is my
home town. Helen Mayle is my sister
she is working for Brilliant. So I don't
get going with the Bridge. Good luck
excuse the writing, a Bridge for
Wheeling and Brilliant*

(Please print the following information)

Name: JULIA SILCHRIST
Address: 7241 MARION ST
WHEELING, WV 26070
phone 737 1136

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I represent the citizens of the 4th ward of Steubenville.
I was the only one who voted against
your chosen sight. I believe a bridge
from Wellsburg to Brilliant is of no
service to anyone. The new bridge should
be on Washington Street to serve many
thousands not just a few to the south.
My ward runs from the Market Street Bridge
to the Fort Steuben Bridge and all my
constituents agree with my decision.

(Please print the following information)

Name: N. DAVID FORTUNATO

Address:

321 MADISON AVE
STEUBENVILLE OHIO

Organization (if any):

COUNCIL STEUBENVILLE OHIO

David Fortunato

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my daughter has her business
right across the river.

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Name: LENA PAZZELLI

Address: 614 Maple Ave
Tiltonsville, Ohio
43963

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I love the structures

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Name: *Karen Kendziorzski*
Address: *811 Bakers Addition Rd*
Hopedale, Ohio
Organization (if any): *43976*

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Name: *Michael Allietta*
Address: *98 Jeffrey St*
Wintersville, Ohio
Organization (if any): *43953*

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*My family & friends live directly
across the river where I grew
up*

(Please print the following information)

Name: *Mary Allietta*
Address: *1247 Co Hwy 41*
Richmond, Ohio
Organization (if any): *43944*

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*A new bridge near Wellsburg will
be a great asset. I live in Weirton
and work in Wellsburg. Traffic in
Follansbee can be horrendous. A bridge
could help ~~alleviate~~ alleviate some of
the traffic. It would also provide
an alternate route when it's through
Follansbee is shut down due to an
accident, fire, or flooding as opposed
to going up Mahan Lane, across Elders-
ville Road, and down Big Rock.*

(Please print the following information)

Name: *Gayle A. Montgomery*
Address: *220 Elmer Ave*
Weirton WV 26062
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*There are several of us who live in Ohio
across the river and commute to Wellsburg everyday.
The bridge would not only help us, it would also
provide the business easier access for the thousands
of customers we service. We feel that the bridge
would benefit everyone in the community.*

(Please print the following information)

Name: Dave Hemen
Address: 1416 Township Rd 119
Dillonvale, OH 43917
Organization (if any):

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Name: Joseph Pederson
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Willsboro WV 26037
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IT ONLY MAKE GOOD SENSE
TO PUT THE BRIDGE BETWEEN WELLSBURG
& BRILLIANT

(Please print the following information)

Name: DAVE CARABASE
Address: 106 TERRA MANOR
WINTERSVILLE OH 43553
Organization (if any): 740 632-7210

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WE HAVE RIVER CROSSINGS IN STEUBENVILLE OH - WHEELING WV
AND IN WHEELING WV - BRIDGEPORT OH. WE
NEED TO HAVE ONE SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN

(Please print the following information)

Name: MICHAEL CORE
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STEUBENVILLE OH 43952
Organization (if any):

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*My Business is in Wellsburg
WV - my tax base live Directly Across
the River ^{Ohio} ~~West Virginia~~. Most of my
business comes from that side of the
River + Buckeye Local School District ^(Directly Across River) been
doing business with me for years. It would be a*

(Please print the following information)

Name: *Matt Allietta*
Address: *1247 Tyler Pl*
Richmond Ohio 43144

Organization (if any):

Allietta Ford

*definite improvement for
our Area + Businesses!*

Matt Allietta

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Name: *Robert Gump*
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Toronto Ohio 43964

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Name: *James N. Varner*
Address: *501 N. 12th St.*
Weirton WV 26062
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Name: *JAMES N. VARNER*
Address: *501 N. 12th St.*
Weirton, WV 26062
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Name: *Charles Ennis*
Address: *801 Blue Ridge Ave*
Wellsburg, W.V. 26070

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Name: *ISABELL GUMP*
Address: *10512 ST RT 152*
JACKSON, OH 43964

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*We need this bridge in
between these two bridges
already in Steubenville.
We need a half way point.*

(Please print the following information)

Name: *Charles Wells*
Address: *4501 State Route 151*
Mingo Jet OH 43938

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*We need this bridge because of
business on both sides of the
river, not in Steubenville.
Steubenville already has
bridge crossing.*

(Please print the following information)

Name: *Janet Wells*
Address: *4501 St. Rt. 151*
Mingo Jet OH 43938

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We need a bridge between Steubenville and
Wheeling, preferably near Route 67 in Wellsburg.
When landslides or accidents close Route 2 south of the
bridge, you have to go all the way to Wheeling to
cross the river!

(Please print the following information)

Name: Janet Mahy
Address: PO Box 185
West Liberty, WV 26074

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Be nice to have a bridge half way between
winton and wheeling
Thank you
Chuck Batty

(Please print the following information)

Name: Charles D. Batty
Address: 217 Saint Clair Street
Mingo Junction, Ohio 43938
Organization (if any):

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Cut my travel time in half

(Please print the following information)

Name: NAT Ray

Address: 299 pine terrace

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We need the bridge down here to help our area

(Please print the following information)

Name: Amber Ray

Address: 299 Pine Ter
Wellsburg, WV 26070

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*We need the new bridge -
in Brooke County*

(Please print the following information)

Name: *Gen DiCenzo*
Address: *398 Connerville Byp*
Rayland - OH - 43943
Organization (if any):

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It's the half way point

(Please print the following information)

Name: *Bill Hagoush*
Address: *398 Connerville Byp*
Rayland, Ohio - 43943
Organization (if any):

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be in the Wellsburg/Brilliant
Area. The potential for
both areas for growth is
large. In the event of failure
on the Veterans bridge this
area is paralyzed.

(Please print the following information)

Name: THOMAS E. MONTGOMERY
Address: 220 ELMER AVE.
WEIRTON, WV 26062

Organization (if any):

NONE

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Please consider the following comments:

The new bridge should be in the
Wellsburg Area somewhere
If a new bridge is not built, they close
both MARIST & Ft. Steuben, we will be back
where we were before, if there is a
catastrophe of some sort

(Please print the following information)

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WOULD MAKE IT EASIER TO GO
TO WORK.

(Please print the following information)

Name: *Steven Benko*
Address: *220 Sarmery Dr*
WINT. OH 43953
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35% of my business comes
from Ohio, the bridge would
raise it another 15%.

(Please print the following information)

Name: *Joe Unsicker*
Address: *104 N. 18th Street*
Wheeling, WV 26003
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Name: John Calhoun
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Stevenson OH 42952

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Name: John R. McCracken
Address: 70 Wignersburg Rd. West Alexander PA, 15376
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Name: James Grima
Address: 499 Locust Ave
Wush - PA 15301

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Name: Ralph Crowe
Address: 1062 Twp. Rd. 290A
Hammondsville, OH 43930

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Name:

Address: 87 Nylee Lane Wellsburg WV

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Name:

Address: 1714 Commerce St
Wellsburg WV 26070

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Name: *Lewis J Comer J.R.*
Address: *1015 Allison Hollow Road*
Washington PA. 15301

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Please consider the following comments:

My Ant lives over there

(Please print the following information)

Name: *Andren J Fabian*
Address: *1120 Main Street apt 22 Follansbee WV*
26037

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Name: *Carla Morris*

Address: *P.O. Box 232*

Follansbee, WV
Organization (if any): *26037*

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Name: *Timothy M. Morris*

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Follansbee, WV

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Please consider the following comments:

My main lives
down there (across river)

(Please print the following information)

Name: Debbie Brettell
Address: 126 Marion Place
Staubenville, Ohio 43952
Organization (if any):

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My proposal is - South of Wellsburg
to Brilliant Ohio area connecting
to Rt 7. with a connection between
Rt 67 and Rt 27.

(Please print the following information)

Name: Philip M Greathouse
Address: RRL Box 74C
Bethany WV 26032
Organization (if any):

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Please consider the following comments:

THIS BRIDGE NEEDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!

SOUTH OF WELLSBURG!

JUST DON'T MESS WITH MY

TREE!

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Address:

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My concern is since 1993 we have been talking and meeting
about a new bridge.

We have one that has been scheduled for demolition within months
and another one with load limits that are not adequate for
commerce.

Unless we come up with a good plan for what we need, we
will be continually left with out funding. The politicians in
this area need to get their act together and move forward
for something in the immediate future instead of asking for
their wants instead of their needs. Bridge No. 22
throughout the lake.

(Please print the following information)

Name: Robert M. Blath

Address: 109 Sky View
Wellsburg WV 26070

Organization (if any): Taxpayer that is impatient!

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Do Not Close the Market
Street Bridge make the
Repairs Needed & Keep this
Bridge open.

(Please print the following information)

Name: Jim Piccivill
Address: 534 Gilbert
Fell House

Organization (if any):

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The bridge in Wellsburg is
important to business and
industry between Southern
Jefferson County in Ohio and
Brooke Co. in West Virginia.
As a business in Wellsburg
we have many customers
in Jefferson County and this
would make transportation
much easier.

(Please print the following information)

Name: Tina Postekwart
Address: 1310 Pleasant Ave
Wellsburg W.V. 26070
Organization (if any): Wellsburg Chamber of Commerce

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With the Market St. Bridge
life span about over and with
the Port steuben Bridge closing
for the economic future of
the upper Ohio Valley we must
have another bridge somewhere
in Southern Brooke County.

(Please print the following information)

Name: Tim Ennis
Address: 2009 Pleasant Ave.
Wellsburg, WV 26070

Organization (if any):

WV House of Delegates

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This bridge should be located so it can be located
to south meet on to a new Route 27, that just ended
at Route 2. It should go above Route 2 to serve
Washington Parks Route 27
Thank You

(Please print the following information)

Name: ALFONSE MICCETTI
Address: 105-27TH STREET
WELLSBURG, WV.

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Jonathan Beall - This bridge would
increase our business opportunities with
Ohio. This would increase
commerce for Wellsburg, Maryland
Brilliant etc - Also allow traffic to
bypass ~~the bridge~~ construction areas on
RTZ South / RTZ North - and
to have other options (Period)

(Please print the following information)

Name: Jonathan Gist Beall
Address: 65 15th St.
Wellsburg, WV 26070
Organization (if any): Manager
Robert Scott Lumber
Wellsburg, WV

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Please consider the following comments:

Deanna M. Beall -
This bridge would open up
more opportunities for our children
shopping, sports, & other activities

(Please print the following information)

Name: Deanna M. Beall
Address: 65 15th Street
Wellsburg, WV 26070
Organization (if any): Educator / Steubenville City Schools

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Bridge location needs to be south of
Fallabee, to allow crossing of the
River without the delay of going thru
the Tunnel

(Please print the following information)

Name: Cliff Jenkins
Address: RDR Box 331E
Colliers WV 26035
Organization (if any):

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Please consider the following comments: REASONS FOR WELLSBURG

- ① APPROX 1000 PEOPLE ARE WORK DAILY
WORK+SHOP WASH CO PA VS BROOKE, HANCOCK
OR JEFFERSON, IN PART DUE TO EASE OF ACCESS
- ② I WOULD BE ABLE TO SAVE 30% ON FUEL
COST BECAUSE OUR PRIMARY MARKET IS
JEFFERSON CO OHIO
- ③ WE WOULD INCREASE MARKET SHARE
BY 25% DUE TO ACCESS OF SOUTHERN JEFFERSON
AND NORTHERN BELMONT CO OHIO
- ④ THIS PROJECT COMPLETES A BELTWAY CONCEPT
THAT EXISTS IN OTHER MARKETS

(Please print the following information)

Name: CHARLES BEALL
Address: 1300 PLEASANT AVE
WELLSBURG WV 26076
Organization (if any):

PRESIDENT OF ROBERT SCOTT LUMBER CO
WELLSBURG, WV 26076.

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The Bridge would create lot of
Business and ease traffic issues.

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Name: Terry L. Anacich
Address: P.O. Box #4
Winchester Heights W.Va. 26075
Organization (if any):

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Cut my Drive Time to Cardinal Plant (BRIKMAN)
By 40 MINUTES

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Name: Wayne Ingwood Jr.
Address: 932 Commerce Wellsburg WV 26070

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WILL ALLOW EASIER ACCESS TO BROOKE
CO FROM BELMONT & JEFFERSON CO

WHILE WORKING IN YORKVILLE, OH
TRIP FROM WELLSBURG TYPICALLY TAKES
APPROX 1 Hr. BRIDGE WOULD CUT DRIVING
TIME TO APPROX 15-20 MIN.

(Please print the following information)

Name: GREG MYERS
Address: 350 CHAPMAN DR
WELLSBURG, WV 26070

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AVOID 20 MINUTE BACKUP @ FOLLANSBERG

(Please print the following information)

Name: Robert Scott Rhee
Address: 310 Chapman Drive

Organization (if any):

Robert Scott Rhee

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having the Bridge would be Great for
the northern panhandle as well as Ohio And
A GREAT move for all of Brooke, Hancock
And Ohio county, Also Better Business
For the two States.

(Please print the following information)

Name: JAMES A. ARACICH SR.
Address: P.O. Box #4
Windsor Hgts W.Va.
26075

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Placement of the bridge in Brooke Co. would be beneficial to all.
It would cut down transport time to medical facilities and allow
tourists and commerce to become more abundant, benefiting all.

(Please print the following information)

Name: Rorington Conway

Address: PO box 624
Bethany WV 26022

Organization (if any):

Robert Scott Lunder

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*THE OHIO RIVER SEPARATES APPROXIMATELY 60,000 PEOPLE
IN CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN BROOKE AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES.
THESE 2 COUNTIES HAVE THE ONLY RIVER FRONT PROPERTIES LEFT
FOR INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT. ALSO THERE ARE
2 MAJOR POWERHOUSES ACROSS THE RIVER FROM WELLSBURG THAT
EMPLOY 3 THOUSAND PEOPLE, COUNTING CONSTRUCTION WORKERS
ON THE NEW SCRUBBERS, THAT HAVE TO DRIVE TO STEUBENVILLE
OR WHEELING TO GET TO WORK. THERE ARE NATIONAL GUARD AND
ARMY RESERVE UNITS 5 MILES SOUTH OF WELLSBURG THAT
NEED A BRIDGE IN CASE OF NATIONAL EMERGENCIES, SUCH AS
TERROR THREATS TO THE POWERHOUSES. A BRIDGE SOUTH OF
WELLSBURG WOULD SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS.*

(Please print the following information)

Name: *WALTER L. FERGUSON*
Address: *1375 WASHINGTON PIKE*
WELLSBURG, W.VA. 26070

Organization (if any):

BROOKE HILLS PARK BOARD MEMBER

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*THERE IS 25 MILES BETWEEN THE VETERANS BRIDGE IN
STEUBENVILLE + WEAVER AREA AND THE I-70 BRIDGE IN
WHEELING. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CAN NOT OCCUR IN
THE BROOKE COUNTY AREA NEAR WELLSBURG WITHOUT THE
CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BRIDGE. INDUSTRY WILL NOT LOOK
AT ANY LAND IN THIS AREA BECAUSE THEY HAVE NO WAY
TO TRANSPORT THEIR PRODUCTS TO MARKET. A NEW BRIDGE
NEAR WELLSBURG WILL GIVE THEM ACCESS TO IT. A
BRIDGE ACROSS THE RIVER IN JEFFERSON COUNTY. A NEW BRIDGE
WILL GIVE NEW LIFE TO THIS AREA MORE THAN ANYTHING
ELSE CAN DO. WE NEED THIS BRIDGE!!!*

(Please print the following information)

Name: *ROY E. GIVENS*
Address: *251 HALLCROFT DRIVE*
WELLSBURG, WV 26070

Organization (if any):

*DELEGATE ELECT TO W.VA HOUSE OF DELEGATES
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Bridges don't last forever, as evidenced by the Ft. Steuben and Market Street Bridges. Eventually, they must be replaced, and it makes the most sense to locate a new bridge at the south end of Wellsburg, WV. That location would be the most convenient for people on both sides of the river, Bethany, Dillonvale, Mingo Junction, Wellsburg, McKeenville, West Liberty, etc. It wastes gasoline for us to have to drive so far out of our way to get to work & school. The Wellsburg site would fill the gap between Wheeling and Weirton, Steubenville and Bridgeport. The business community on both sides of the Ohio River needs a new bridge for their economic survival - and that of the people they employ, otherwise known as TAXPAYERS.
BUILD THE BRIDGE AT WELLSBURG!

(Please print the following information)

Name: Lynn Davis
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Bethany, WV

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HAVE A PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY ON THE NEW BRIDGE, SO WALKERS COULD CROSS IF NECESSARY!
RIGHT NOW THE ONLY BRIDGE WITH A WALKWAY IS THE MARKET STREET BRIDGE. IF ONE'S CAR BREAKS DOWN, CROSSING THE RIVER VIA THE VETERANS MEMORIAL BRIDGE WOULD BE LIFE THREATENING!!

(Please print the following information)

Name: MARY JEANNE HUNT
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FOLLANSBEE, WV 26037

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The Wheeling-Ohio County Airport is in full support of a new
bridge located South of Wellsburg, WV. This bridge would enable
the Airport to better serve the upper Ohio Valley region.
Geographically the the current span between the Wheeling and
Steubenville bridges is a major deterrent to our ability to
provide air access to this region. This bridge would also
greatly enhance our ability to grow economicly.

Thomas S. Tominack

(Please print the following information)

Name: Thomas S. Tominack, Airport Manager, Ohio County

Address: Wheeling-Ohio County Airport
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Wheeling, WV. 26003

Organization (if any):
Ohio County Commission

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The market street bridge is being
removed putting burden on Veterans bridge.
Build new Bridge where Market
Street Bridge is now!!
Do Not waste Money on
South of Wellsburg NO
Advantage to that Location!
MARKET Street Bridge
Location!! for New Bridge

(Please print the following information)

Name: GARY L. Perry
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Follansbee, WV. 26037

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For the amount of money they are going to spend. They should consider repairing the Market St Bridge. Instead of building a new one. Another suggestion build a new bridge in place of the Market St bridge. The highways already have the traffic lights and access to both OH. and WV. The traffic flow is greater at the Market St. bridge area. Also would keep congestion from happening on the Vet. Memorial bridge. I also think the Fort Steuben bridge should be ~~reopened~~ kept open and operating for the public.

(Please print the following information)

Name: Karen Perry

Address: 494 Shady Lane

Follansbee, WV 26037-1239

Organization (if any):

P.S. (We don't need another bridge to be built that is going to take 29 years to build.)

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I CAN'T UNDERSTAND THE REASONING TO SPEND \$400M OF TAX MONEY ON A BRIDGE IN THE PROPOSED LOCATION I'M OPPOSED TO IT. I QUESTION WHO WOULD USE IT? I FAVOR THE THIRD PRIORITY. THERE IS A NEED FOR A BRIDGE TO DOWNTOWN STEUBENVILLE TO FACILITATE THE TRAFFIC TO AND FROM THE MAJOR POPULATION CENTERS OF WEIRTON, STEUBENVILLE, FOLLANSBEE, WATERSVILLE & MANGO. IT DOESN'T HAVE TO ACCOMMODATE 18-WHEELERS A SMALL-VEHICLE BRIDGE WOULD BE SUFFICIENT.

(Please print the following information)

Name: RALPH H. COX

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*I understand the Market St Bridge will close
+ I think the bridge should go south of Weirton*

(Please print the following information)

Name: *Diana Anile*
Address: *Anile Pharmacy
2413 Pennsylvania Ave
Weirton WV 26062*

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*In reviewing the 3 priorities presented I would hope
you would pursue the #2 priority, the "new Southern Bridge
South of Weirton"
The third priority would be a waste of money!*

Am

(Please print the following information)

Name: *Don M. Lemasters*
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I think this is the ideal area
to construct a new bridge. It is
centrally located between Weirton &
Wheeling. It would ~~open~~ up
commence to an area of West
Virginia that really needs it.
People in Weirton, Fallsburg &
Steubenville that are against it are
just lazy. Weirton has a great
bridge to handle all necessary
traffic.

(Please print the following information)

Name: DR. John A. Basil
Address: 209 Fairway St
Weirton, WV 26062
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Great idea, Great location, area is well
over due for a bridge.

(Please print the following information)

Name: Larry Muzzella
Address: RD 1 Box 37K
Colliers WVA 26035
Organization (if any):
Land/Homeowner (self)

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Please consider the following comments:

I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO SEE A BRIDGE
BETWEEN BRILLIANT OH. & WELLSBURGH WV. A FEW
WEEKS AGO I WENT TO A JR HIGH FOOTBALL GAME IN
WELLSBURGH. I HAD TO DRIVE NORTH ON 7 TO STEUBVILLE
AND CROSS THE MARKET ST. BRIDGE THEN HEAD SOUTH ON 2.
WHILE LEAVING BRILLIANT. I COULD SEE THE FIELD I WAS
GOING TO. AND I THOUGHT THAT'S ANOTHER REASON
WHY WE NEED A BRIDGE HERE.

(Please print the following information)

Name: RALPH E. NICKOSON JR.

Address: 200 HUDSON AVE.

BRILLIANT, OH.
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WOULD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL (MUCH NEEDED) ACCESS TO
WELLSBURGH; BOTH INCOMING & OUTGOING. ATTRACTIVE TO (NEW)
BUSINESS & TO RESIDENTS.

WOULD ALSO BOOST BETTAWY, WEST LIBERTY; MIGHT
ALSO RESULT IN ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC @ OHIO COUNTY AIRPORT.

COULD PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE
ON BOTH SIDES OF THE RIVER.

(Please print the following information)

Name: C E GLASER

Address: 1517 MARIANNA DR.
WELLSBURGH WV
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I have been a resident of Wellsburg, WV since 1965. I worked and retired from Banner Fibreboard Co. in December 1998. During that time period, and, to the present, I have seen a need for a bridge location in the proposed site - Wellsburg to Brilliant, Ohio. It would be a significant factor for saving energy and travel time, as well as, reducing traffic congestion in the Weirton/Stouffville, Ohio area. Beyond that, I believe it would enhance and encourage the development of available industrial sites particularly in the Brooke County area.

(Please print the following information)

Name: *Dickey C. Laughlin*
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Wellsburg, WV. 26070

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Please consider the following comments:

For years Southern Brooke County / Wellsburg / Beech Bottom have been negative economic development.

A bridge in southern Brooke County (South of Wellsburg) would make a big difference in the future economic development of this area.

Our present situation requires any industrial traffic to drive 15-20 miles in either direction to access a bridge to travel west.

Many years ago the availability of a Ferry between Ohio and West Virginia provided this link. At that time Ohio customers counted for 20% of my business. After the ferry stopped 0%. Now instead of riding the ferry for 500 yds they have to drive 25 miles.

I honestly think that if the bridge was available we would see enormous growth but Residential and Commercial

Not to mention that if the Great Ohio River expands through flooding the town of Wellsburg only has one road out / in Route 844 West to Pa. A two lane highway that has trouble handling the traffic with out the extra load.

(Please print the following information)

Name: Thomas H Zurbuch
2121 Main St
Address: Wellsburg, WV 26070
304 737 0021

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I feel that it is important to build
a bridge @ the Beech Bottom area
to increase access to Rt 7, both
for efficiency and greater accessibility
to the Ohio side (& vice versa). Please highly
consider this very important project. Thankful!

(Please print the following information)

Name: Mary Beaul
Address: 209 Fairway St
Weirton, WV 26062

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WITH 2 BRIDGES IN THE WEIRTON -
STUBENVILLE AREA READY TO CLOSE AND ONE
NEW ONE IN GOOD SHAPE IT MAKES SENSE
TO LOCATE A NEW BRIDGE BETWEEN TWO
EXISTING BRIDGES IE NEWBURG-BRILLIANT
ANY NEW BRIDGE SHOULD BE PLANNED TO
SERVE A WIDER AREA OPENING HIGHWAYS
FROM CAMBRIDGE TO WASHINGTON. OPENING
NEW MARKETS NOT CREATING BOTTLE NECKS
IN OLD ONES. THE HIGHWAY SYSTEM IN THE
NORTHERN PANHANDLE SHOULD BE AN ENBARRASS-
MENT TO ALL OF WEST VIRGINIA

(Please print the following information)

Name: MICHAEL O'BRIEN
Address: 1502 GARDEN AV
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The people in the Wellburg area need the bridge to be located here. Hillside slips and other emergencies cut this area off from hospitals, etc. We have always needed a bridge here and now is the time for it to happen. Thank you.

(Please print the following information)

Name: LANA Gilkey

Address: 246 Genteel Ridge
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I can't understand why we need three bridges to the same destination. All of the ones we have end up in the Shiloh Area. We who live south of Steubenville have to drive twice as far to just get to Wellburg. I think we should have one somewhere between Marietta & Tiltonsdales - preferable around the Brilliant area. It really sounds more logical. I probably won't see the bridge but the next generation will. We have been told for a long time that we would get a new bridge.

Name: VERA EVANS

Address: 1120 Huk. 11 ST
BRILLIANT Ohio 43913

Organization (if any):

Da Citizens - Am. Legion Aux Post 33

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*I am strongly in favor of constructing a bridge
between Brilliant OH and Hillsburg WV.
For decades, the bridges have been clustered
in the Weirton + Wheeling areas, leaving those
who live in between with no convenient access.
Construction of a Brilliant - Hillsburg bridge
will provide easy access to Wheeling for local
residents seeking medical care, employment and
recreation in that area. Additionally, it would bring
increased economic opportunity to both the Brilliant
+ Hillsburg communities.*

(Please print the following information)

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*As a New Alexandria resident, I am very
much in favor of the proposed bridge. It would
eliminate the present necessity of driving to
Jeffersonville or Wheeling to cross the river.
I think it would also spur economic development
on both sides of the river.*

John McGuire

(Please print the following information)

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Please consider the following comments:

Please keep us in consideration for a spot for the bridge. I believe it would benefit both of our economies, plus the added fact we have many local resources that would be beneficial to this endeavor.

Theresa Mavromatis

(Please print the following information)

Name: *Theresa Mavromatis*

Address: *656 H. H. St.
Brilliant, OH 93913*

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Please consider the following comments:

I am a resident of Brooke County since Oct. 1, 1949. About two weeks after we moved here, head lines in the Wheeling newspaper was a bridge to go in Wellsburg. I do hope this will come soon. (A bridge)

(Please print the following information)

Name:

Address:

Mrs. Dolores E. Mc Padden
150 Fowler Hill Rd.
Wellsburg, WV 26070

Organization (if any):



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Eleanor Connell 1111 Hurll St Brilliant, OH
Tammy Scott 1113 Hurll St. Brilliant, OH 43913
Melissa Dumb 1415 Hurll St Brilliant, OH 43913
Michael Bull 1415 Hill St. Brilliant, OH 43913
Dani Ingram 1011 Hurll St Brilliant, OH 43913
Deborah Owens 1017 Hurll St Brilliant, OH 43913
Paul Henry 1203 Gichard Brilliant OH 43913
Paul Henry 1121 Gichard Brilliant OH 43913
Elizabeth Bull 3414 City Rd. 19 Brilliant OH 43913

(Please print the following information)

Name:

Address:

Organization (if any):

10-27-08
TWO BRIDGES ARE CLOSING IN THE FUTURE.
\$200,000.00 SPENT TO DETERMINE BEST
LOCATION. THIS IS THE ONE- INFORMATION
AVAILABLE AT YOUR REQUEST-

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THE PROPOSED BRIDGE to be located in the southern
portion of Brooke County is vital to the health & safety
of all people in the northern part of the 25 mile
gap without a bridge along the Ohio River. This
is a great inconvenience & expense to the many
West Virginia residents in the state of Ohio at
the Cardinal Point, Wheeling, Rte 26 & others.

(Please print the following information)

Name:

Address:

Organization (if any):

A. J. CARMICHAEL, Jr.
1600 Pleasant Ave
WHEELING, WV

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*I would like to have a bridge built just south of
Wellsburg. This would be beneficial for the city to grow and prosper.*

(Please print the following information)

Name: *Albert R Stricker*
Address: *RR1 Box 2403*
Wellsburg, WV 26070

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Please consider the following comments:

*We need a bridge south of Wellsburg for
business & safety reasons.*

(Please print the following information)

Name: *Markene HuKILL*
Address: *RD#1 Box 240H,*
Wellsburg, WV 26070
Organization (if any):

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Please consider the following comments:

*For the economy in the Northern Panhandle
it is essential that the new bridge be
built in the Weirton area.
There are already bridges from Steubenville
to the northern tip of the panhandle.
The Veterans Memorial bridge is a new
bridge built within "throwing" distance
of two older bridges.
Access to Ohio from Route 2 and Route 27
would be a great asset for east-west
travel.
A bridge in Weirton would be a stimulus
for industry north of Warwood.*

(Please print the following information)

Name: Ruth C. Lewis
Address: 2823 Charles St.
Weirton, WV 26070

Organization (if any): Private Citizen

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Please consider the following comments:

*Please consider thoughtfully WHERE a
new bridge spanning the Ohio River be
placed. The communities of Weirton and
Steubenville have a modern and
accessible bridge for those cities. One
further south between Wheeling and
Weirton needs to be considered
VERY strongly. I urge your consideration in
choosing a proposed site south of Weirton
for the location of the new bridge. My father
never thought he'd live to see a new bridge
in Weirton but he did. His daughter would
like to live to see one in Weirton!*

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(Please print the following information)

Name: Carol Churchman
Address: 1613 Marianna St.
Weirton, WV 26070

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*I think a bridge here is long over due.
It would help economy many people ship both
sides and have to travel to weirton or wheeling
to cross.
Family's visiting on both side much easier*

(Please print the following information)

Name: *JAMES DAVIS*
Address: *3037 County Rd 17*
RAYLAND, OHIO
43943

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Please consider the following comments:

*A bridge connecting Wellsburg to Ohio RT. 7 would
help to revitalize our economy and make Wellsburg
a better place to live. We would gain access to
the Martins Ferry and Brilliant areas without the
long drives to Steubenville or Wheeling. I think
the future of business in Wellsburg depends on this
bridge.*

*Thanks for your consideration,
David Rithner*

(Please print the following information)

Name: *David Rithner*
Address: *130 Valley View Dr.*
Wellsburg, WV

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Please consider the following comments:

As a 94 year old I have witnessed the
erection of two bridges North of Wellsburg
the Market St bridge was established since
then there have been proposals and over
the years - nothing!
Please, please, lets do it this time!
fewer studies - more direct action!
I know I will never "see" this
bridge but give me "hope"!

(Please print the following information)

Name: Paul Virgin

Address: 130 Caldwell Av,
Wellsburg, W.V.

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Please consider the following comments:

The upper Ohio Valley is economically
depressed due to industrial losses. Another
bridge would help revitalize the retail base.
The Market Street bridge which is the
main access to Steubenville is in deplorable
condition. Another bridge -- near Wellsburg --
would benefit both Ohio & West Virginia!
It is time to give some consideration to
the needs of the Northern Panhandle!

(Please print the following information)

Name: Henry R. Riffner

Address: 1518 Grand Ave
Wellsburg, WV 26070

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Please consider the following comments:

A bridge across the Ohio River from
Wellsburg WV ~~into~~ to the state of Ohio
will facilitate the flow of traffic
from Washington PA. to Ohio State Route
7 ~~bridge~~.

(Please print the following information)

Name: Marjorie W. Bell
Address: 1140 Burdett Heights
Wellsburg WV 26070

Organization (if any): Wellsburg Garden Club

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Please consider the following comments:

This bridge needs to be built at the south of
Wellsburg WV because we need another bridge open
between Steubenville OH & Wheeling WV. The proposed ad
bridge will not last forever. Don't wait until a
disaster happens to do this. I would hate to be the
one who delays the building of this bridge here &
have some other sort of problem. Ohio needs. We have
been talking about this for 10 yrs. How about some
action now? It only took 20 yrs. to build the
Veterans Memorial Bridge - ? ?

(Please print the following information)

Name: Mrs Rita Brigg Ramsey
Address: 8117 Main St.
Wellsburg WV 26070

Organization (if any):

Wellsburg Garden Club

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*I support the location of a new
bridge across the OHIO RIVER (near
southern Millsop) - It is needed
soon before the current bridge
and the I-70 Bridge become the only
means to get across.*

(Please print the following information)

Name: CYNTHIA HARVEY
Address: 2117 MARIANNA ST
Wellsburg W.V. 26070

Organization (if any): Wellsburg Civic League
Garden Club

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Please consider the following comments:

*I urge you to consider placing the
new bridge outside Wellsburg (south of
town). We have suffered for years due
to lack of access to the northern farmland.
We have been told for years that the
bridge was in the works but nothing
has been done. I would love to see
(AND USE!) this bridge in my lifetime.*

(Please print the following information)

Name: CAROLYN D. SANTILLI
Address: 110 HIGHLAND AVE
WELLSBURG WY 26070

Organization (if any): Wellsburg Garden Club

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Please consider the following comments:

*Something said when they was building the
pendulum has great service. Would not take into account
market street bridge. The bridge is not used, if not using
it. It would be nice not to have to go through
the bridge, everyone we go north to anywhere it would be
wonderful to have a crossing south of Weirton.
Thank you.*

(Please print the following information)

Name: *Grace Mitchell*

Address: *251 Main St.
Weirton, WV 26070*

Organization (if any): *Weirton Garden Club*

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Please consider the following comments:

*The bridge definitely should spanner Weirton (Germany Pike area)
to Brilliant.*

(Please print the following information)

Name: *Patricia A. McCarney, M.D.*

Address: *121 Carol Hill Ave
Weirton, WV 26070*

Organization (if any): *Weirton Garden Club
Weirton Civic League*

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Please consider the following comments:

I feel we need the bridge between Brilliant and Wellsburg. It also what Steubenville wants. But I think you should think about paving the bridge down. We need it very much as it is we always have to Steubenville than across down Wellsburg. So please have the bridge here instead of Steubenville. So please put here between Wellsburg and Brilliant. We really need here. Not Steubenville.

(Please print the following information)

Name: Verna Raynard

Address: 909 2nd St
Brilliant, Ohio 43913-1071

Organization (if any): Brilliant American Legion Auxiliary Unit #373

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Please consider the following comments:

I am Tom Brown, a general contractor in Wellsburg, W.V. The proposed bridge would open an entire new market to me, from Mingo Junction to St. Clairsville Ohio, that is currently too distant to travel. I believe it would also increase the importance of Wellsburg as a transportation hub & this increase the flow to the area which will greatly improve my chances at ever becoming successful at business after struggling to survive for the last 20 yrs. Thank you.

(Please print the following information)

Name: Tom Brown

Address: 1508 Marianna St,
Wellsburg, W.V. 26070

Organization (if any):

Tom Brown General Contracting & Handyman Services

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Please consider the following comments:

- I Fully support the decision to locate the new Ohio River bridge south of Wellsburg for the following reasons:
1. Both Wellsburg and Brilliant, OH, would have a fourth side opened which would have a positive economic impact.
 2. Emergency travel/evacuation routes would be open to a larger population.
 3. Both Bethany and West Liberty municipalities and colleges would have better access.
 4. The Ohio County Airport would have much better accessibility.
 5. Private and Industrial development would be aided by a much improved east/west flow.

(Please print the following information)

Name: William H. Lynn
Address: 1606 Pleasant Ave
Wellsburg, WV 26070

Organization (if any):
Sect. of Wellsburg Lions Club

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Please consider the following comments:

This project has been going on since Walter Buckner was in
BQ. H. in the 80's. The engineers have made enough money
on this, the federal could have been up. They would not want
to go down to Buck Bottoms Cross and then up to go to Steel's
A waste of time and gasoline. The Veterans bridge is very
crowded now. Put the bridge at Weirton where the ferry
crossed, or Cross Creek next to the train bridge. Don't
lose time, money and people's lives. I cross the
Market Street bridge 3 or 4 times a week. At one time,
Washington Street was considered for the bridge.
Thank you.

(Please print the following information)

Name: Tom McHugh
Address: former Steel Road

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There is a lot of business potential
between Wells Township & Wellsburg - Folklissie.
The Bridge would greatly benefit the local
Economy.

(Please print the following information)

Name: Joe Matthews
Address: 1019 5th ST
Biller Ohio 43912
Organization (if any):

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Please consider the following comments:

We needed a bridge in this area since the ferry
boat sank in 1948.
I often hear people complain about driving from
Bridgeport to Steubenville to cross into West Virginia.
I feel it would help commerce on both sides
of the river.

(Please print the following information)

Name: Judy Hanlin
Address: 217 New Alexandria Road
Brilliant, Oh 43913
Organization (if any):

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Please consider the following comments:

1. My choice of location of new Bridge across the River is north of Power Plant in Brilliant & south of Wellsburg
2. I have lived in Brilliant 72 years and observed the increase in population in the area
3. Few homes and businesses would be involved
4. Families would not be disrupted
5. Many employed at the Cardinal Power Plant live in W. Va. Travel time and gasoline would be saved.
6. Easy access to Bridge from both north and south.

(Please print the following information)

Name: Belvadell Sindlinger

Address: 1025 Gilchrist, - Brilliant, Ohio 43913

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Please consider the following comments:

- SIRS
- A BRIDGE AT WELLSBURG WOULD GREATLY
REDUCE THE TIME AND EXPENSE TO GET TO BETHANY
AND WEST LIBERTY COLLAGES.
- INCREASED COMMERCE WOULD RESULT AT DECREASED
COST FOR RESIDENTS OF BOTH STATES.
- WE NOW HAVE TO GO TO WHEELING OR STEUBENVILLE
TO CROSS THE RIVER.

THANK YOU

Glenn E. Dennis

(Please print the following information)

Name: GLENN E. DENNIS

Address: 319 HIGH ST
BRILLIANT, OHIO 43913

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Please consider the following comments:

Steubenville is not that busy that they would need more than one bridge and right now they have 3. The people in Brilliant and surrounding towns have to drive to Steubenville or Wheeling to cross the bridge. Brilliant is a smaller town but we pay taxes just like anyone else and we should get something from all the taxes we pay. Wellsburg has some small businesses that would profit from the bridge and possibly Brilliant or Mingo would start more businesses Rayland.

(Please print the following information)

Name: Linda Ciafardone
Address: 1404 Hukill St.
Brilliant Ohio 43913
Organization (if any):

Taxpayer

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Please consider the following comments:

I support the building of a bridge between Wellsburg, WV and Brilliant, Ohio. Some of the reasons I feel strongly about this is that in the event of either Rt 3 or Rt 7 having to be closed it is more convenient to have a bridge somewhere between Steubenville and Wheeling. A bridge in our area (Brilliant) could open up further area of growth on both sides of the river. With the high cost of fuel it could add savings in less miles driven for those over

(Please print the following information)

Name: Margaret Nickerson
Address: 200 Hudson
Brilliant, Ohio 43913

Organization (if any):

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living in west virginia that work at Cardinal
Plant & UPS. It opens opportunity for
residence of Brilliant to shop and eat
in Wellsburg. Closer access to West
Liberty State College and Bethany College.

I have heard about a bridge in our
area since I was in grade school.
I'm now 54 and truly hope to see
this future project become a reality.
My grandparents said it may occur
but not in their lifetime. I hope
it does happen in mine and my grandchildren's.

Thank you
Sincerely
Margaret Nickerson
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ACCESS TO POWER PLANT IN BRILLIANT, OH,
OPEN UP TRADE BETWEEN WELLSBURG, WV, AND
BRILLIANT, OHIO,
DEVELOPMENT OF LAND BELOW WELLSBURG.

(Please print the following information)

Name: CHARLES R. BUCCEY
Address: 145 TWP HWY 167
MINGO JCT., OHIO 43938

Organization (if any):

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I have lived in Brilliant since 2005. Before that I had lived in numerous states & communities fr. Pennsylvania & Georgia to California, Oregon, Washington & Hawaii, and several places in between (including Texas, New Mexico & Colorado among others). I've lived in communities of various sizes - Urban, small towns, rural; and throughout we have seen it all. This area is truly one of the most economically depressed areas - but one that can be revived, especially in times like these. But there needs to be opportunity and resources. While a bridge is not the end-all, it would unquestionably go a long way towards providing potential stimulus and (over)

(Please print the following information)

Name: Dr. Marc R. Tristman
Address: 1018 Gilchrist St
Brilliant, OH 43913

Organization (if any):
Brilliant Christian Church PO Box 185, Brilliant, OH 43913
Brilliant Christian Youth Ministries (same as above)

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potential for financial recovery. Such a project located between the growing (somewhat) Whaling / Bridgeport / St. Clairsville area to the South and a struggling Stakenville / Weirton to the North could very well prove to be a critical economic shot in the arm. Not only because of the job it would bring during construction, but the opening of cross-state markets, greater convenience to doing business between the states, and the potential for attracting a more diverse economy; especially with the costs in the West especially & even Southwest making the old Rust Belt to appear more tempting for relocation.

I've personally seen and participated in economic revivals of communities & regions in the past (e.g. Roswell, New Mexico) and the convenience and ease of transportation, accessibility, and a progressive ~~anti~~ capitalist mindset are critical. The proposed bridge in &/or near Brilliant, OH could go a long way toward providing such a stimulus.

We strongly recommend Brilliant / Wellburg to be the site for the 1st major step towards economic recovery and growth to the Ohio Valley areas.

May players and service are available towards this end.

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I have been 100% for the bridge in the Brilliant area since
talk first began. The first talk was bringing it across in the
area of the Washington Pike road, then near Buffalo Creek. Both of
these locations were acceptable on this side of the river. It would
have either crossed north of Brilliant, or at the north end of town
where much of the ground is vacant and is owned by the government
due to flood mitigation. Less cost would be incurred to purchase
land.

The present location under consideration would bring it in to
the southern end of town, destroying our swimming pool, football
field and walking track, just basically taking up good ground and
making the south end of town less appealing.
If this is the location, a new pool will never be built, because
the trustees don't want to operate the current one. You would just be
aiding them in their quest to get rid of it, and taking another thing
away from our youth. The walking track is currently used by many
senior citizens, mostly who all live in the lower end of town. The
only place to put a new track would be in the north end of town, making
it difficult for many of them to get there.

It appears that Wellsburg wants a new bridge, but does not want
to disturb any of their community, and WVA would not have to upgrade
Rte. 2, they can just dump even more of their traffic onto Rte. 7.
If you can build a new pool, football field and track for Brilliant, THEN
(Please print the following information) build a new sewage plant for Wellsburg and
bring the bridge across at Buffalo Creek.

Name: Myra Martin
Address: 1009 Hukill St.
Brilliant, OH 43913

Organization (if any):

I am opposed to the bridge at the current
proposed location. If this is to be the
placement --GIVE IT TO STEUBENVILLE! DON'T
DESTROY WHAT IS GOOD IN BRILLIANT TO PROTECT
WELLSBURG'S ASSETS. THEY ARE THE WINNERS AND
WE WILL BE THE LOSERS.

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I live in the community of Tiltonville,
which is about 7 miles south of Brilliant. I
feel that Brilliant would be an excellent site
for the bridge.

Thank You,
Dan Signorini

(Please print the following information)

Name: DAN SIGNORINI
Address: 218 HUDSON AVENUE
TILTONVILLE, OHIO, 43963

Organization (if any): I am a member of the Buckeye Local
Board of Education.

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Please - we need a bridge in Brilliant now.
I know its been years and will take a
few more years before it is done. I'd like to
see it myself. I am 79 yrs. old. Wish it had
been built 13 or more years ago as my
husband worked on 27th St. at the Wonder
Deed Thrift Store. My husband would like to
see it also. We also have close friends
in Wellsburg. It will be nice to cross a bridge
here in Brilliant and be at their home. Also we
have a son, a daughter & son-in-law who drives
school buses for Buckeye Local School District, so get to Brooke High School
(Please print the following information) they have to go clear up to the Veterans Games
bridge to go south to Brooke. Thanks
for all your time spent at Brilliant, Oh

DORIS HEARLEIN
Name:

Address: 1413 Hill St.

Brilliant, Ohio 43913-1029

Organization (if any):

none

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Please consider the following comments:

I think we need a bridge between Brilliant
Ohio and Wellsburg W.Va. I think it would help
bring business to both and would help workers
who have to drive many miles out of their way
to get to their jobs not only because of high fuel
prices but the stress of the extra driving. I
have great grandchildren playing sports and it is
a long way around to go to their many games in
Wellsburg and Falkenberg. I am 77 yrs old and
that is a long drive for me. I hope you will
build me a bridge where we need it. Right here.

(Please print the following information)

Name: MARGARET B. BUCHANAN

Address: 1116 HUKILL ST

BRILLIANT OHIO 43913

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Please consider the following comments:

I am completely behind this project for the building of a
bridge between Brilliant & Wellsburg. we need this done
as it is possible to be done.

(Please print the following information)

Name: JAMES C. QUINN
Address: 1005 Third Street
Brilliant, Ohio 43913

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Please consider the following comments:

- Putting The Bridge in The Wellsburg makes the most sense.
- Fuel could be saved on all destination points east
such as the East Coast, Washington PA, etc.
 - RT 7 could be used as the main north-south vein +
RT 2 could be used as a service Rd.
 - Businesses in Wellsburg + Brilliant + could draw from each other.
 - Fire + EMS from both towns could help each other.

In my opinion, if this bridge is not put somewhere
between Wellsburg + Tiltonsville, save \$100 million and
scrap the project.

(Please print the following information)

Name: Doug Richardson
Address: 192 Mountain View Drive
Rayland, Ohio 439

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Please consider the following comments:

Phase One
As a lifelong resident of Brilliant I think
the bridge should be built at Wellsbury -
Brilliant due to decreasing industry.
We need better and quicker access to
accommodate traffic and people to our
community. We have waited a long
time to access cities to the west and
east via better bridges and roads.

(Please print the following information)

Name: Judy Brown
Address: 914 Third St.
Brilliant, OH

Organization (if any):

Fire Department

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I Am very much in favor of this bridge south of
Wellsbury. I minister to a church east of Wellsbury in
Washington Co., PA and this would decrease my travel
time immensely.
This would also be a great benefit to business on
both sides of the river. I look forward to hearing
more about the progress and hope the project would
be completed within 5 years.

(Please print the following information)

Name: John D. Aker
Address: 1540 Huxill St.
Brilliant, OH 43913

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*I would like to have the bridge at
Brilliant and Wellburg.
It would make traveling to West Virginia
much easier for me
if another road of Brilliant would be alright.*

(Please print the following information)

Name: DOROTHY SILER
Address: 2209 COMMERCIAL ST
Mingo Jct OH 43931

Organization (if any):

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*I am very much intrested in The bridge project. My
company operates on both sides of the river and we
would see additional expansion, along with cost
savings, opportunities with the construction of this bridge.
The increase in regional infrastructure would spur economic
development in The region and provide alternate
route to Rt 2 + Rt 7 which are known to have
problems from time to time.*

(Please print the following information)

Name: Forley Wood
Address: 34 Kelley Way, Suite 100
Brilliant OH 43913

Organization (if any):
Ohio American Energy, Inc.

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I would like to weigh in my opinion on the proposed bridge crossing. I feel that the bridge should be at Rt 67 (Southend of Wellsburg at Buffalo Creek). That would be the most logical spot. We have a bridge approximately 9 miles to the North in Weirton. We also have a bridge approximately 12 miles to the South in Wheeling. Putting the bridge at Rt 67 would be roughly half way in either direction. Also land acquisition would be easier, I believe.

Thank You
Michael E. Dight

(Please print the following information)

Name: Michael E. Dight

Address: 175 Henvey Lane
Wellsburg, WV 26070

Organization (if any):

Mary Ann Tugler
165 McKinley Dr
Follensbee, WV 26031-1919

Oct. 3, 2008

Dear Mr. Bailey,

This letter is regarding the planned new bridge in Brooke County. According to the Wheel Star newspaper, the public was informed that our comments could be submitted in writing. Besides attending the local meetings, I can't attend the meetings, but I would like my thoughts to be included in the mix.

An outsider determined that the location of the new bridge should be from Beach Bottom, WV to Brilliant, Ohio. It seems this is the wrong location. If the cost is cheaper at this location and environmentally correct or better, still it's a huge waste of money. About 10 miles away, Wheeling, WV, has its own three bridges to Chicago, Ohio. Beach Bottom, WV, has about 200 population, and Brilliant has 3,000-4,000. West town north is Wellburg, 6,000-7,000 population. The bulk of the people who really need a bridge is located in Follensbee, WV, Murrton, WV and Steubenville, Ohio. If the Market St Bridge is removed, this cluster of people will use the Veterans Bridge. The new east of the river bridge is the bridge for who? It seems it will be underutilized while Route 7 in Steubenville experiences gridlocks. Between 3 and 5 o'clock, University Blvd. and Route 7 are impossible to travel, and this gridlock happens while we still have 3 bridges. Fort Henry Bridge is gone May 07 and the situation will get worse. If the Market St Bridge is removed, this new bridge for what? will be adequate when the Veterans Bridge is closed, for repairs, or on accident close it. Therefore this area is in great need for a second bridge, not in Murrton's land, but closer to where the Market St Bridge stands. If this area must use this new planned bridge, it's up to 12-13 miles away from the Veterans Bridge, then most drivers will have to backtrack to get to their destination, waste of gasoline, waste of time.

A convenient second bridge is desperately needed in this area to relieve the traffic on the Veterans Bridge, to alleviate the bottlenecks on Route 7 and University Blvd, and for the convenience of all the workers who travel back and forth Ohio/WV, for emergency vehicles, service vehicles, delivery people, shopping, shopping, shopping, shopping. The majority of these people are from Steubenville, OH, Beach Bottom, WV, Brilliant, OH. The bridge in Murrton's land doesn't belong in area where it will meet with Washington St in Steubenville, or Market St. It is not feasible. The Market St Bridge is standing. Even if the new bridge in this location can only accommodate cars and light trucks, the money for a bridge in this location would still be well worth it. It will relieve the Veterans Bridge for trucks to use.

Also, accident victims would have to be taken to the Veterans Hospital, also emergency patients, should we have only the Veterans Bridge and it has to be closed. If there are several people who needed treatment, would one hospital suffice? This is a problem for WV. people needing emergency help. It seems the Steubenville Trinity Hospital would also be needed if this new multiple accidents in WV. Most people in my area prefer Trinity West Hospital in Steubenville.

chessmery - the planned new bridge is on the wrong location, sorry, need on the other side of 100 million dollars. If the planned new bridge doesn't alleviate the Route 7 bottlenecks, it's a waste of 100 million dollars. If the planned new bridge doesn't give a second conveniently located bridge to the people in Steubenville, Murrton, and Follensbee, WV who really need it, 100 million waste. - we need a bridge near or at Market St Bridge. Murrton, Follensbee

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Attached is an essay on my views about
the bridge location.
It is written in essay form because I am
a 46 yr old college student and this is a copy
of what I turned in for an essay assignment.

(Please print the following information)

Name: Doug Richardson

Cell 740-317-1444

Address: 192 Mountain View Drive

Rayland, Ohio 43943

Organization (if any):

Doug Richardson

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"So Close, But Yet So Far"

For years people that live in the Wellsburg, West Virginia and Brilliant, Ohio areas have been thinking, if not saying "If only we had a bridge". These two communities are right across the Ohio River from each other, about a half mile apart but in reality for them to access each other it would take a 15-20 mile car ride.

Some people are fortunate enough to own a boat and if they already have it docked, they can make the trip in about a minute. But, this is not practical for all people and for most people is not an option in the winter season.

I understand now that a bridge is in the making for somewhere in the Upper Ohio Valley. This is what these people have been waiting on for many years. A dream come true. This bridge **must** span the Ohio somewhere between the northern end of Wellsburg, and the southern end of Brilliant.

Building the bridge in this area would do a great deal, making it **convenient** for these people, and not **more convenient** for someone else. Putting it here would primarily accomplish three things: Help the area **Go Green, Broaden Resources**, and give the citizens a **Better Way of Life**.

Going Green

Providing a bridge for these folks would cut many miles off of different destinations. People that work at the Cardinal Plant would have a 1-2 mile drive to work instead of a

20 mile ride to work and the people that are boating to work would not have to anymore.

School buses that are traveling to sporting events would have another option, keeping them on a 4 lane highway for a longer period of time, especially in the winter time, when taking students to the opposite state, instead of going out of their way to Steubenville or Wheeling. Multiply this by the thousands of people that are affected and look at the fuel that is being saved! Cutting down the time that these buses are on the road reduces the risk of accidents.

And then let's not overlook the other option that a bridge would open up. Some people, weather permitting, would be able to walk or ride a bicycle to their destination eliminating fuel usage all together!

A better Way of Life

This bridge would help businesses on both sides of the river. People would no longer have to drive 10 miles north or 15 miles south for certain products and services.

Commercial vehicles making deliveries would be able to cut time and miles off of their route also, once again, saving fuel.

People from Brilliant could now drive directly to Washington, PA in about 25 minutes instead of driving 20 minutes to Wheeling, then another 25-30 minutes to Washington. This would cut 45 minutes off of all points east for the Ohioans.

These two communities could share each other's restaurants, parks, carnivals, gas stations, etc.

Broaden Resources

One of the main subjects of anyone's concern is safety and emergency resources.

Brooke County residents that must get to the Steubenville hospitals could cross over to Brilliant and have a straight 4 lane shot to Steubenville. Look at the time that could be saved if the ambulances did not have to drive through Follansbee traffic during rush hour. It would be safer to cross over to Ohio and utilize their 4 lane.

This area could pool their EMS and fire resources. If the day would come that a major incident would occur at the Cardinal Plant, Wellsburg could be included in the emergency response being only minutes away.

Wellsburg and Brilliant fire and EMS could set up a plan on a day to day basis to cover each other in the case of multiple incidents or shortage of staff. A lot of emergency equipment would be available to a lot more people.

Why Not Somewhere Else?

Putting this bridge where bridges already exist would only make it **more** convenient for the people that don't need it. People that already have bridges want this one because it would be convenient when **one** of their current bridges closes down for repairs or an accident they won't have to go a few minutes out of their way on a temporary detour.

If they think it's an inconvenience having to go a few minutes out of their way, they should stop and consider what the people between Mingo Jct. and Tiltonsville have to go through **every time** they want to head east or simply cross the river.

In conclusion, I think that it is necessary to make the Wellsburg-Brilliant areas the Wellsburg-Brilliant Area.

In my opinion, if any other location is even considered, scrap the project and save \$100,000,000.

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*We need a bridge between Brilliant
and Wellsburg because - we have to
travel to Steubenville cross the bridge
then all the way back down river to
Wellsburg when it is just five minutes
across the river. Some of us have more
than one child or grandchild in school
activities - band, cheerleading, baseball,
softball, football, basketball, volleyball.
He likes to go where they go. Also people in
Wellsburg work at Cardinal. - They have a long
trip also. Rt #2 is always having landslides.
(Please print the following information) and the tunnels have problems.*

Name: Shirley Coen
Address: 411 Railroad Ave
Brilliant, O. 43913

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*We need the bridge from Brilliant to
Wellsburg because
people with two or three children and
grandchildren have to go to Steubenville
and back down to Wellsburg - ~~by bridge~~
Route #2 is always having road
closed by market st bridge - to go the
south way - the tunnels are closed.*

(Please print the following information)

Name: Ralph Coen
Address: 411 Railroad Ave
Brilliant, O. 43913
Organization (if any):

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Please consider the following comments:

Mr. Gregory Bailey, I feel the bridge should be placed in the Wellburg area. Route 2 is the main route thru Northern WV. In the event of emergencies that have to do with road problems due to slides or other unpredictable problems, it would be good to have an alternative crossing instead of having to use all the back rural routes to get thru the Northern Panhandle.

(Please print the following information)

Name: *Rebecca M Stewart*
Address: *22 Park Addition*
Wellburg WVa 26070

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It does not seem logical to construct another multi million dollar bridge in close proximity to an existing bridge. Therefore, I would like to see the new bridge constructed in the vicinity of Wellburg/Beach Bottom, WV and Brilliant, OH. This would allow for greater flexibility for drivers using Ohio Rt 7 or West Virginia Rt. 2.

(Please print the following information)

Name: *James Kinney*
Address: *1914 Charles Street*
Wellburg, WV 26070-1431

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I feel that a bridge connecting
Brilliant + Wellsburg would be beneficial
for both towns economically + more convenient
for citizens of the area.

(Please print the following information)

Name: Jennifer L. Dight

Address: 219 Sam's Way
Winterville OH 43953

Organization (if any):

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Please consider the following comments:

I feel that a bridge connecting
Brilliant + Wellsburg is long overdue
and would be beneficial economically
for both cities + more convenient for
citizens of the area.

(Please print the following information)

Name: Kristopher K. Dight

Address: 219 Sam's Way
Winterville OH 43953

Organization (if any):

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Please consider the following comments:

*There is a great need for a bridge between Brilliant & Wellsville.
It will open up the area for development on both sides of the river.
People wanting to get across the river to go shopping or visit
would not have to go to Steubenville or Wheeling to allow them that
access. In case of a bridge disaster in Steubenville or Wheeling
you would now have another access to get across the river. It
also people from WV who are on I-76 & I-70 highway. The bridge
would also be a benefit in case of a disaster on either side
of the river especially like Capotini Park. It would
allow more emergency vehicles to quickly respond.*

(Please print the following information)

Name: *Malcolm Fellows*
Address: *815 5th St*
Brilliant, OH 43913

Organization (if any):

PLEASE ACCEPT THESE SIGNATURES AS WE RAN
OUT OF SEPARATE FORMS -

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10-9-08

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Date: October 6, 2008

Location: BRILLIANT OHIO
Jefferson Community College, 4000 Sunset Boulevard, Steubenville, Ohio

Subject: INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP PUBLIC MEETING

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Please consider the following comments:

BEVERLY LEUGER 325 E MAIN ST ADEVA, OH 43904
Lisa Valuska 202 Novak Drive, Dillonvale, OH 43917
Cathy Orcher 352 Township Rd 185 Adena Ohio 43901 -
JOAN LEUGER 305 EAST MAIN ST ADEVA 43901
DAN SIGNORINI 218 HUDSON AVE ~~STEUBENVILLE~~ TILTONSVILLE, OH 43965
John CORRIGAN 107 CLARK ST KENIGO, OH 43917
Kathleen Battinson 4822 St. Rt 150 Dillonvale, OH 43917
Ethel Wodanoff Box 149 Dillonvale, Ohio 43917
Joan Keane 4838 St. Rt. 150 Dillonvale Ohio 43917
Vida Yecker P.O. Box 24 Watson Dillonvale, OH
Nancy Wills 2024 W. Hwy 11 Dillonvale, Ohio 43917

10-26-08

(Please print the following information)

Name: WE: Support this location -
Address: EVEN WITH THE MARKET STREET
BRIDGE HAS TO CLOSE -
Organization (if any):

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Mr. Gregory Bailey, P.E.
Director, Engineering Division
West Virginia Division of Highways
State Capitol Complex, Building 5, Room 450
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Date: October 8, 2008

Location: Millers Community Center, 3420 Main Street, Weirton, West Virginia

Subject: INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP PUBLIC MEETING

Project: The Proposed Ohio River Crossing
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Please consider the following comments:

Beck Krystor 319 Jefferson St, Tietmarville OH 43963
Cayla Woodman 5716 Chry. Hwy 15 Rayland OH 43943
Aretta Jones 6301 Chry. Hwy 15 Rayland OH 43943
Julia Johnson 720 Market St. Yorkville, OH 43971
Norma Kildred 13950 E. Raccoon Rayland OH 43943
Margaret Simpson 4927 St. Mary St. Millersville OH 43938
Patricia Guzman 4457 G. Hill St Rayland OH 43943
Cathy Woodman 139 Raccoon Rd. Rayland Ohio 43943
Joan de Rue 100 Morris St. Brilliant, Ohio 43913
Lance Jettly 118 Morris St Yorkville Ohio 43971
Jill Fisher 115 Lane Mill OH 43935

(Please print the following information)

Name:

Address:

Organization (if any):

SUPPORTING THIS LOCATION - LONG

OVER DUE CROSSING.

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Please consider the following comments:

Loren Vance 405 Walter St. Yorkville, OH 43971
Cynthia Rogers 2132 Tap Hwy 113 Rayland OH 43943
Joe Puntellano 1914 Hill St Brilliant Ohio 43913
Heidi Rindfleisch 1414 Hill St Brilliant OH 43913
Jody Wolf 3833 CRD 15 Rayland OH 43943
Walter Wolf 3833 CRD 15 Rayland OH 43943
Mary Weyandt 302-5th St Dillonvale, M. 43917

(Please print the following information)

Name:

Address:

Organization (if any):

WE SUPPORT THIS LOCATION -
IF AND WHEN THE MARKET STREET

BRIDGE Closes -

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Please consider the following comments:

For safety reasons
Easy access to West Virginia
To bring more business to the area

Karen Cook
3414 Imp Rd 157
Wayland, OH 43943

(Please print the following information)

Name: TWO BRIDGES TO CLOSE IN FUTURE -
Address: \$200,000 PAID FOR STUDIES TO DETERMINE
Organization (if any): BEST LOCATION - THIS IS THE
LOCATION, COST OF CROSSING - ECONOMIC GROWTH,
TRAFFIC FLOW, ETC., ETC. - INFORMATION AVAILABLE
AT YOUR REQUEST

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Please consider the following comments:

A few years ago a group of Hillsburg citizens
organized. Their purpose was to bring attention
to the fact that Hillsburg needed a bridge
over the Ohio River to give direct access to Ohio.
Right now, in order to get to Ohio, we have to go
either to Steubenville (6 miles) or Wheeling
(18 miles). The people in Weirton and Steubenville
have had three bridges crossing the Ohio River.
Even if two of the bridges are taken down, they will
have one bridge at their disposal. Hillsburg really
needs this proposed bridge.

(Please print the following information)

Name: MARY Jo KULL
Address: 51-23RD ST.
WELLSBURG WV 26070

Organization (if any):

11-10-08

Mr. Gregory Bailey,

Sir,

In reference to new bridge between Brooke & Jefferson counties and potential closing of the Market Street bridge and Fort Steuben bridge.

There is proven business in the Weirton and Steubenville area that requires a new bridge north of Wellburg or Fallsville when the Fort Steuben & Market Street bridges close, as it seems is certain to occur, per political action.

But then the Wheeling Suspension bridge was built in 1849 and still carries automobile traffic. So with maintenance the Fort Steuben and Market Street bridges could remain open for another 50 years.

This whole issue is a puzzle.



Sincerely,
Matthew Kovach

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- ① BRIDGE SOUTH WILL ALLOW ECONOMIC DEVELOP IN AREA WHERE SPACE IS AVAILABLE -- AND
- ② WHERE POTENTIAL EMPLOYEES ARE AVAILABLE
- ③ FASTER, SAFER ACCESS TO MEDICAL FACILITIES AND SUPPORTS.
- ④ FASTER ACCESS TO/ FROM MILITARY FACILITIES AT AIRPORT IN EMERGENCIES.
- ⑤ ALTERNATIVE TO WHEELING AND STEUBENVILLE BRIDGE IN EVENT OF DAMAGE/BLOCKAGE. THIS ONE FAR ENOUGH AWAY FROM THOSE, PROBABLY NOT IMPACTED, SO COULD BE USED BY TRAFFIC.
- ⑥ PRESENT COST OF GAS - RESIDENTS BOTH SIDES ACCESS THEIR EMPLOYMENT AND/OR STORES = SAVES MONEY AND TIME AND FUEL AND AIR POLLUTION.

Name: ROBY GREATHOUSE

Address: PO BOX 156
BEECH BOTTOM, WV 26030

Organization (if any):

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*We had a ferryboat years ago.
It ran from north Brilliant to
Wellburg. The Buffalo Creek
location I would be 1st choice.
The gates for the old dock are
probably still there. We have
needed (wanted) a bridge here
for a long time.*

(Please print the following information)

Name: *MRS. RUTH HANSON*
Address: *1308 HUKILL ST
BRILLIANT, OH, 43913*

Organization (if any):

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Please consider the following comments:

*After looking at the Project Turbine, I couldn't believe it has
been 15 years & nothing has been done yet. I feel a new
bridge is brilliant would be very productive as far
as bringing more traffic into our area, I work at the
Cardinal Plant & I know that at least 1/2 of
our employees live in the Wellburg, Wellburg area
& how wonderful for them this would be.
Make easier access for people to cross cheap down
to shop or visitation, will cut distance greatly.
I hope it is not another 15 years before we
see a new bridge.*

(Please print the following information)

Name: *Kim Mumaw*
Address: *1038 Bantam Ridge Rd
Wintersville, Ohio 43953*

Organization (if any):

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Location: Jefferson Community College, 4000 Sunset Boulevard, Steubenville, Ohio

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Please consider the following comments:

ATTACHED - PLEASE FIND COPIES OF
HIGH LIGHTED INFORMATIONAL SHEETS -
HAVE BEEN WITH STUDY SINCE 1999 -
MUCH MORE MATERIAL AVAILABLE -
EMERGENCY RESPONSE - ECONOMIC
GROWTH - EASE OF TRAVEL - ETC - EVERY
THING WAS COVERED - WE HAVE NOT HAD A
RIVER CROSSING SINCE 1942 (FERRY). WOULD
APPRECIATE THE CONVENIENCE OF A BRIDGE
IN OUR AREA - TAKING CARE OF AN INVALID
SISTER TWICE WEEKLY IN WELLSBURG IS ONLY
A SMALL IN CONVENIENCE COMPARED TO PEOPLE
(Please print the following information)
TRAVELING TO AND FROM WORK DAILY - TIME
Name: WOULD BE OUT A LEAST 45 MIN. - GAS -
Address: COST ???

Organization (if any):

RESPECTLY YOURS!
HELEN G. MAYLE
710 3RD ST.
BRILLIANT, OHIO
43913

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October 23, 2008

RE: Comments on Informational Workshop Public Meeting held on October 2, 2008
of the Buckeye North Middle School, 1001 Third Street, Brilliant, Ohio

To Whom It May Concern:

In 2003 the Wells Township Trustees passed a resolution supporting a new bridge across the Ohio River between Wellsburg, W. V. and Brilliant, Ohio. We appointed Helen Mayle to serve on the (30) thirty member committee recruited by the Brook-Hancock-Jefferson Metropolitan Planning Commission as the Township's representative. Mrs. Mayle has served our Township in an exceptional manor and made us aware that due to a smaller population we needed to continue to reinforce the conclusions of that committee recommending a bridge should be built between the north end of Brilliant to Buffalo Creek near Wellsburg W.V. Please be reminded that the extensive study identified a new bridge south of Wellsburg as a higher priority than a bridge at Washington Street in Steubenville, Ohio.

The Planning Commission stated that opportunity for economic development wasn't the only consideration by the committee and engineers who recommended the Brilliant to Wellsburg location. This location will not only likely be a lesser cost than other locations but would give a much needed and over due boost to local economics of both areas. It will facilitate a sustainable transportation system that will support economic growth of the surrounding area and increase safety to commuters. The crossing site will allow industry and commuters to travel throughout the region with reduced trips, lengths, travel times and fuel

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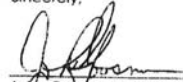
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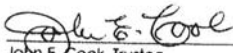
consumption. Mr. Jack Brown, executive director of the Brook-Hancock-Jefferson Metropolitan planning Commission acknowledged time is of the essence in moving forward with this project. He noted that the general rate of inflation being 15% each year will add to the estimated 100 million dollar bridge cost.

The Trustees would emphasize that the public meeting here in Brilliant on October 9, 2008 brought out the largest number of concerned citizens of any of the public meetings. We realize that other areas have higher population numbers but all of the evidence developed by the Planning Commission and emergency studies made it clear that the bridge should be built between Brilliant and Wellsburg and we urge the decision maker to act on these facts and conclusions.

Sincerely,


John Goodman, Trustee


Joe Ellis, Trustee


John E. Cook, Trustee


Joe Matthews, Fiscal Officer

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FACT SHEET #1: A NEW OHIO RIVER BRIDGE AND OUR NETWORK OF BRIDGES

Special Edition

Brooke-Hancock-Jefferson
Metropolitan Planning Commission

April 2008

With the proposed demolition of the Ft. Steuben Bridge in May 09, the 105 year age of the Market Street Bridge and the anticipation of a location/environmental study for a new Ohio River Bridge crossing in May 08, elected officials, residents and investors need to know how their regional transportation system is changing.

Through the following "question-answer" approach, strategic and documented facts are provided.

Bridges are high-price tag items. A new Ohio River Bridge crossing is priced at \$100 million. The national and state competition for these resources is intense and requires strong public consensus based upon fact and a clear professional statement of need.

What's the problem?

Between Steubenville/Weirton and Wheeling, there are three vehicular Ohio River bridge crossings. Two of the three bridges are at or near their expected lifetime. A circumstance in which only one vehicular bridge crossing exists would reduce emergency response times, increase congestion and severely reduce a major economic lifeline for the region.

Where are we now?

The Ft. Steuben Bridge is proposed for demolition in May 09 while the Market Street Bridge, built in 1903, has weight limitations.

In May 08, the West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT) and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will initiate a final and crucial location/environmental impact study for a new bridge crossing south of Wellsburg (WV), the preferred new bridge crossing site.

When and how was a bridge crossing south of Wellsburg determined as the preferred site?

On May 21, 2003, the Brooke-Hancock-Jefferson Metropolitan Planning Commission (BHJ) by a 14 yes to 1 no vote adopted a recommendation of its Technical Advisory

Committee, a 38 member-Bridge Advisory Committee (BAC) and a professional consultant for a bridge south of Wellsburg.

From February, 2002, through March 2003, the BAC met eight times to review consultant work and discuss progress and methodologies. 10 sites and a no-build option were compared to 19 measures for vehicular mobility, environmental impact, safety, cost effectiveness and regional economic growth.

Why is BHJ involved in a bridge project and why is BHJ a lead agency to determine a new Ohio River bridge crossing?

The Brooke-Hancock-Jefferson Metropolitan Organization (BHJ) is a federally mandated organization (Federal-Aid Policy Guide, Section 450.312, April 1998). Its purpose is to provide comprehensive transportation planning in the Steubenville-Weirton Metropolitan Area.

Give examples of other regional bridge projects and their success.

Major infrastructure investments require extensive technical substantiation, community consensus and dollars. To further appreciate this effort, BHJ recommends the public review other bridge web sites such as the Louisville-Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project or the Blennerhassett Island Bridge Project.

The Louisville study reached a Record of Decision stage in September 2003 and is under design.
<http://www.kyinbridges.com/Project.aspx>

The Blennerhassett Island Bridge is located in Parkersburg, WV, and will open in April 08. As a tied-arch cable bridge completed at a cost of \$135 million, it is the final piece to the Corridor D Project which is part of the Appalachian Development Highway System.
http://www.wvcomdord.com/proj_blenbridge.htm

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**Brooke-Hancock-Jefferson
Metropolitan Planning Commission**
124 North Fourth Street
Second Floor
Steubenville, Ohio 43952-4498

June 8, 2007

Ms. Helen Mayle
710 3rd Street
Brilliant, OH 43913

Dear Helen:

Thanks for attending our meeting (June 6th) to overview the status of a new Ohio River Bridge crossing.

As requested by those attending, I provide:

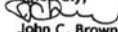
1. A copy of the most recent study report (BHJ Regional Bridge System Study, Phase II, Final Report, September 2003). An Executive Summary is included as pages 1-3.
2. A chronological history of events, Years 1993-2007.
3. A list of names/contact addresses for those attending Wednesday's meeting.
4. A summary of the problem and where we are.

I have not provided a sample letter of support to officials and representatives. I believe this is best initiated through those attending.

In summary, it appears HDR Engineering over the next two years will complete a location/environmental study for a new Ohio River Bridge south of Wellsburg. The cost of the bridge is projected at \$100 million. The competition for federal and state project funds is significant.

I look forward to working with you to substantiate the need for this project and to create further regional opportunity.

Sincerely,


John C. Brown, AICP
Executive Director

CC: Bridge File

Phone: (740) 282-3685

Fax: (740) 282-1821

Email: bhjmpc@bhjmpc.org

November 22, 1999

The Honorable Jerry Krupinski
State Representative
State House
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Representative Krupinski:

A needs study for a bridge spanning the Ohio River between Brooke County, West Virginia and Jefferson County, Ohio has just been launched by the consulting group (Pflum, Klausmeier and Gehrum) from Cincinnati, Ohio. It has been clearly and painfully evident to the citizens of this area that any positive impact for future business - manufacturing and economic potential can only be maintained and increased by interconnecting transportation arteries across the Ohio River between southern Brooke County and Jefferson County.

With the present and future plans to expand Route 2 in northern WV and the completed Route 7 highway system in Ohio, a connecting bridge between the two highway arteries would greatly impact the economic development of our area.

The Regional Task Force that is behind the informational and enlightenment effort consists of concerned citizens that represent the southern Brooke County communities of Wellsburg, Follansbee, Botany, West Liberty, Beech Bottom and Avella, PA; the southern Jefferson County communities of Brilliant, Mingo, Kayland, Dillonvale, Smithfield, Tiltonsville and Georges Run.

The initial thrust of the Regional Task Force is to garner support from Business and Professional leaders and the citizens of our area. We also are supporting letters to the editor and news articles in the local news media.

We the Regional Bridge Task Force, hope that you will favorably support our efforts to improve the economic conditions in the southern counties that we represent and support the efforts of the bridge consulting groups study.

It is our hope that the consulting group will complete their study with dispatch, within the first year of the new millennium. To this end, we enclose our initial effort packet. Best Regards.

Russ Irvin

~~NO LONGER IN AREA~~
Ralph Antone

Pat Comiskey

~~DECEASED~~
Dick Harvey

~~STILL FIGHTING!!~~
~~Helen Mayle~~

Jack Yost

Joe Kurey

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Synopsis of Packet Presented to BHJ

(80) letters to Governor Underwood from Business and Professional leaders in the Wellsburg area.

(1809) signed petitions from WV concerned citizens.

(2161) signed petitions from Ohio concerned citizens.

(4044) have joined in our initial 15 day effort.

Direct responses and suggestions to:

Ralph Antone
P.O. Box 127
Brilliant, OH 43913

Patrick Comiskey
Wellsburg City Mgr.
77th Street
Wellsburg, WV 26010

NO LONGER
IN AREA

Final Report

Bridge Advisory Committee Membership

The Bridge Advisory Committee (BAC) was responsible for overall review and approval of the engineering and planning analysis work in the Study. The BAC met regularly during Phase II. Members of the BAC represent a broad cross section of private and public interest groups. Discussion and review during BAC meetings gave guidance to the Consultant Team. Decisions were based on consensus of the group.

BHJ Commission	Norm Schwertfeger
Brooke County Board of Education	Ron Ujick
BDC of the Northern Panhandle	John Murry
Brooke County Commission	Paul Phillips
Brooke-Hancock County Assessors Office	Bill Schaefer
Citizen at Large	Dan Tassey
	Russ Irvin
Follansbee, City of	Helen Mayle
	Tony Paesano (Delegate)
Hancock County Commission	Kevin Diserio (Alternate)
	Will Allison
Jefferson County Commission	Chuck Svokas
	Jim Bransagan
Mingo Junction, Village of	Richard Delatore
	John Fabian (Delegate)
Ohio Department of Transportation	Keith Murland (Alternate)
	Greg Gurney (Delegate)
Progress Alliance	David Speer (Alternate)
Steel Valley Regional Transit Authority	Holly Childs
Steubenville, City of	Frank Bovina
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	Dave Snelting (Delegate)
Toronto, City of	Fred Hays (Alternate)
	George Cattrell (Delegate)
Weir Cove Moving & Storage	Vacant (Alternate)
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Weirton Transit Corporation	Virgil Thompson
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Need Assessment

One of the primary objectives of this study was to prepare a report that can serve as the basis for FHWA guidelines related to "purpose and need" assessment. The following statements highlight key items and related findings that can be used in the development of the "needs" statement.

The proposed improvements will serve the Ohio River crossing travel desires for the BHJ region over the next 25 years. They prepare the community for the eventual end of the service life for both the Market Street Bridge (constructed in 1904) and the Fort Steuben Bridge (constructed in 1928).

Transportation Demand

During the development of the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan, a new Ohio River crossing was identified as the top priority within the BHJ region. This study and the recommendations have been prepared in response to these concerns. The Market Street Bridge and the Fort Steuben Bridge are well past their design lives. While the investment of funds in added maintenance may extend their useful life, neither bridge can be brought up to modern standards due to inherent design constraints.

The Market Street and Fort Steuben Bridges both serve local traffic that primarily originates within the Weirton, West Virginia and Steubenville, Ohio (BHJ metropolitan area). The Market Street Bridge provides for trips from the Weirton and the Follansbee area to access the central business district of Steubenville. The Fort Steuben Bridge serves the Half-Moon Industrial Park and the City of Weirton and is an important facility for the movement of goods to and from destinations outside of the community. About 17 percent of the daily vehicle traffic is commercial truck traffic.

Due to the nature of commerce in the BHJ region, heavy truck traffic is a normal component of river-crossing traffic. The Market Street Bridge is not capable of supporting commercial truck traffic regardless of the level of maintenance or refurbishment it receives. A 5-ton weight limit is presently in place on the Market Street Bridge. Closure of the Fort Steuben Bridge would leave the region with only one river crossing (Veterans Memorial Bridge) capable of carrying commercial truck traffic.

From a transportation system perspective it should be noted that the closest river crossing points beyond the study area are at Wheeling, 25 miles south of Steubenville and at East Liverpool, Ohio, 25 miles north of Steubenville. The proposed recommendations described in this report will provide for more efficient system-wide travel throughout the region.

Safety Issues

A single river crossing for the region is not acceptable in terms of overall safety needs.

The Veterans Memorial Bridge has ample traffic capacity itself; but access to the bridge is vulnerable to blockage due to accidents. The Bridge is closed once a year for four hours to meet inspection requirements. On these occasions, the two older bridges are not adequate to handle existing or projected future traffic volumes. This highlights the need for redundancy in the system with adequate capacity to provide for the movement of traffic as well as providing access to the region for emergency vehicles.

Additionally, the transportation system in the Ohio River Valley is heavily dependent on the two north/south arterial roadways: WV 2 and SR 7. When either of these is closed due to accidents, flooding, or landslides, as does happen on occasion, few alternative routes are available. By linking these two routes with a new alternative river crossing, a significant increase is realized in the transportation options available in the region for normal transportation purposes as well as the delivery of emergency services. With implementation of the recommendations in this report, analysis shows that a reduction of about 55 accidents per year could be expected.

Economic Development

The concentration of all river-crossing capacity within a small geographic area constrains the overall flexibility of the transportation system in the region. Lengthy work travel times resulting from this lack of flexibility is a significant economic burden and a deterrent to new economic development. A large portion of the area's industrial capacity is located in the Ohio River Valley south of the current crossing locations. There is potential for industrial development in this area of the valley; however, successful development is clearly predicated on adequate transportation access. Given the difficulty that the BHJ region has faced in remaining economically competitive over the last two decades, improving the infrastructure that supports economic development is a priority.

It is a well understood principle that flexibility in the transportation system is important for economic growth.

System Linkage

A major criterion used during the evaluation of alternatives in the study centered on accessibility from selected gateways to selected river and rail ports. Travel times from West Virginia gateways into the planning area to Ohio River and rail ports and from Ohio gateways to West Virginia river and rail ports were analyzed. The time saving created by improving the efficiency of travel throughout the region can equate to a significant monetary saving for the traveling public and industry and can enhance economic development. The study found that by implementing the recommended improvements, travel times for all trips from West Virginia gateways to Ohio River and rail ports could be significantly reduced.

Modal Interrelationships

Within the BHJ region two public transportation agencies serve the area. The Weirton Transit Corporation serves the Weirton area and the Steel Valley Regional Transit Authority serves Mingo Junction and Steubenville. Both of these public transit systems cross the Ohio River and provide for transfers between each other. With the addition of a bridge in the southern portion of the planning area it is assumed that system routes may be modified, thus enhancing accessibility to communities such as Brilliant and Wellsburg and potentially resulting in increased ridership.

Goals and Objectives

The goal of this study was to analyze, from a transportation planning perspective, a series of reasonably viable alternatives at a level of detail sufficient to provide state and local transportation decision makers a basis to identify a preferred Ohio River bridge system for the defined study area. The results of this analysis show a clear need for the preferred system. The purpose of the study is to improve the overall flexibility of the BHJ regional transportation system. Implementation of the recommendations could:

- relieve the economic burden and deterrent to new economic development by reducing the lengthy work travel times and improving access to industry resulting from the lack of alternatives that serve the entire region;
- ensure that at least two Ohio River crossings are available in emergency situations;
- result in a more balanced use of the region's transportation infrastructure; and
- serve both local and regional trips, including business trips, originating within or outside the metropolitan or passing through.

This document sets the stage for further study following the requirements of the NEPA process. The Phase II study recommendations have been selected based on public input, technical analysis, and engineering/environmental feasibility issues.

Description of Study Area

The BHJ region consists of three counties: Brooke and Hancock Counties in West Virginia and Jefferson County in Ohio. The adjoining cities of Steubenville, Ohio, and Weirton, West Virginia, serve as the region's core in terms of population and employment.

The major transportation facilities within the region are Ohio State Route (SR) 7, West Virginia (WV) 2, WV 27 and US 22. SR 7 stretches from Lawrence County in southern Ohio to beyond the northern border of Jefferson County. SR 7 is the main north-south route west of the Ohio River. It connects the region to Wheeling, West Virginia, and to I-70 to the south and I-80/I-76 in Youngstown to the north. WV 2 parallels SR 7 on the east banks. It connects the region with two other large West Virginia cities, Wheeling and Parkersburg. WV 27 connects to WV 2 and provides access to Washington, PA and the Pennsylvania Turnpike. US 22 is the only major east-west thoroughfare in the region because the geographic terrain makes a fluent east-west travel pattern difficult. US 22 is very important because it connects the region to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the closest major metropolitan area. US 22 also connects with I-77 in Ohio, allowing drivers' convenient access to Steubenville/Weirton, East Liverpool/Chester as well as to southern Ohio and the Canton-Akron-Cleveland area, see Figure 1.

There are currently three opportunities to cross the Ohio River within the region. The Fort Steuben Bridge connects Freedom Way in West Virginia to SR 7 and US 22 in Ohio. The bridge is adjacent to the Half Moon Industrial Park and experiences a relatively high amount of truck traffic. The Veterans Memorial Bridge connects the two states via US 22. The Market Street Bridge connects WV 2 with downtown Steubenville. This bridge has a weight restriction of 5 tons, prohibiting large trucks.

The Phase II Study Area is bounded on the north by the Fort Steuben Bridge and extends downstream south of Brilliant near Beach Bottom. See Figure 2.

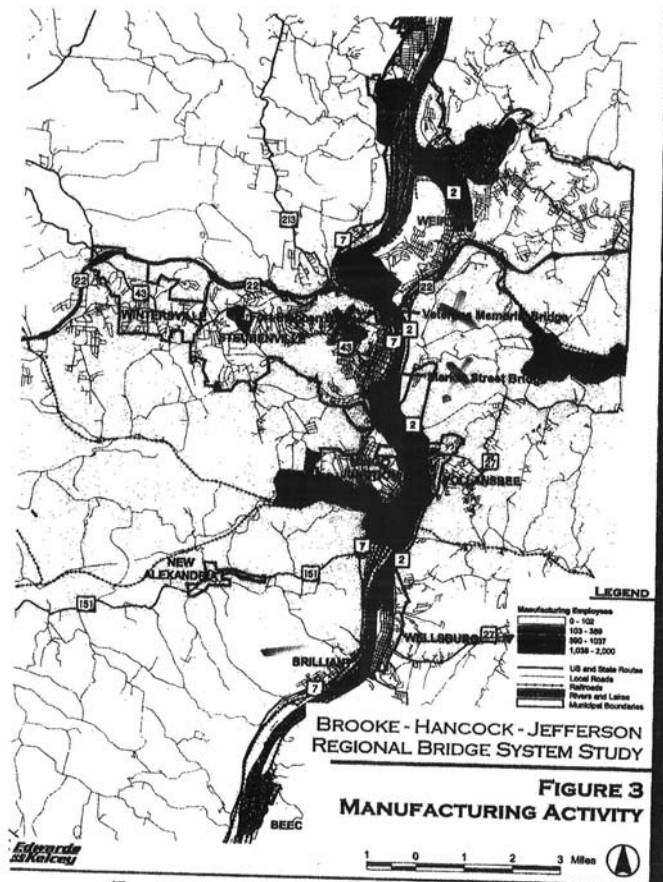
Existing Bridges

The three existing bridges examined in this study are, from north to south, the Fort Steuben Bridge, the Veterans Memorial Bridge, and the Market Street Bridge. Traffic volumes¹, based on Average Daily Traffic (ADT) counts, on the three bridges are as follows:

	Vehicles	Percent Trucks
• Fort Steuben Bridge	5,500 ADT	17%
• Veterans Memorial Bridge	32,500 ADT	10%
• Market Street Bridge	6,700 ADT	0%

It should be noted that the closest river crossing points beyond the study area are at Wheeling, 25 miles south of Steubenville, and at East Liverpool, Ohio, 25 miles north of Steubenville.

¹ Source: Ohio and West Virginia DOT and BHJ for the year 2002.



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Final Recommendations and Project Priority

The following recommendations are based on the detailed analysis outlined in this Report and other supporting documents. They are also based on travel-related characteristics in the BHJ region, discussions with various groups and individuals, and public input.

The following issues are relevant to the final decisions made by the BAC, the BHJ Technical Advisory Committee, and the BHJ Transportation Policy Board:

- ✓ 1. It is assumed that the Fort Steuben and Market Street Bridges will not be in service for the planning year 2025.
- ✓ 2. The construction of a new bridge in the 18-mile corridor between the Fort Steuben Bridge and the Ohio County line is BHJ's #1 regional transportation priority. This was established in the Regional Transportation Plan.
- ✓ 3. The formal system Study review and consideration of regional needs has been under consideration since 1999.
- ✓ 4. The thirty-one (31) member Bridge Advisory Committee had oversight for the preparation and completion of this study.
- ✓ 5. The seventy-two (72) member BHJ Transportation Policy Board is the federally-recognized adoption board for this transportation recommendation and priority.
- ✓ 6. Region-wide consensus for the final recommendations and priority is essential. Without BHJ Transportation Policy Board adoption and public consensus, it will be difficult to leverage federal, state and local funds for this high cost transportation system investment.

The BAC thoroughly reviewed the findings and conclusions of the BHJ staff and the Consultant Team. Based on a roll call vote at its final meeting, the BAC forwarded a recommendation for approval of the projects described below. The Transportation Policy Board received the recommendation, and then adopted the proposed improvements.

It should be noted that the first project priority in this Regional Bridge System Study recognizes the critical need to provide specific roadway improvements in the vicinity of the Fort Steuben Bridge. Those improvements are required in order to mitigate the effect of the anticipated closing of the Fort Steuben Bridge.

Appendix A

Bridge System Study History

Prepared by BHJ Staff

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May 21, 2003	Brooke-Hancock-Jefferson Metropolitan Planning Commission, BHJ Office. Upon a 14 yes and 1 no vote, the consultant's recommendations were accepted.
March 19, 2003	The BHJ Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), BHJ Office. Upon a 12 yes and 0 no vote, the consultant's recommendations were accepted.
March 12, 2003	Meeting #8 at the Wellsburg Fire Hall. Bridge Advisory Committee (BAC) considers the consultant's recommendation through an advisory vote. Upon a 22 yes and 0 no vote, the consultant's recommendations were accepted.
January 15, 2003	Meeting #7 at the Steubenville Holiday Inn. BAC hears the consultant's recommended bridge scenario.
November 18, 2003	DOT's bridge consultant and BHJ meet to review project status, expectations, predictable outcomes and next steps at Marietta, Ohio.
November 13, 2002	Public Information Meeting for general public to review and provide comment upon project preliminary review at the Millsop Center, Weirton.
October 22, 2002	Meeting #6 at the Millsop Center, Weirton. BAC evaluates the preliminary analysis for combined bridge alternatives.
September 3, 2002	Meeting #5 at the Brooke County Library. BAC determines a northern bridge option and evaluates next steps.
July 9, 2002	Meeting #4 at the Steubenville Holiday Inn. BAC discusses the results of the comparative analysis of bridge scenarios.
July 1, 2002	Study Consultant, Pfum, Klausmeier & Gehrum (PKG) is merged with Edwards and Kelcey, Inc. (EK). No change in individuals on study staff.
May 29, 2002	DOT, bridge consultant and BHJ meet to review preliminary bridge scenarios at Marietta, Ohio.
April 10, 2002	Meeting #3 at the Millsop Center, Weirton. BAC reviews and discusses the proposed methodology for comparative analysis.
March 13, 2002	Meeting #2 of Phase 2 BAC reviews and discusses evaluation criteria at the Brooke County Library.
February 6, 2002	Phase 2 kick-off meeting held with the Bridge Advisory Committee at the Steubenville Holiday Inn.

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January 10, 2002	Consultant coordination meeting prior to Phase 2 kick-off held in Marietta, Ohio.
August 1, 2001	PKG submits revised scope of work for Phase II.
July 11, 2001	Twelve (12) attendees representative of BHJ, ODOT and WVDOT met in Marietta, Ohio to complete a final review of the Phase II scope of work. "It was agreed by July 27 th the consultant would provide the final scope of services, a suggested amended consultant agreement and statement of cost."
November 15, 2000	A preliminary "Prospectus" (Revised Scope of Work), as reviewed by both state DOT's is faxed to BHJ by WVDOT.
August 25, 2000	Nino Brunello (ODOT) e-mails BHJ and states "... I've finished the validation process and handed the model over to Burgess and Niple (Bridge modeling consultant)."
August 18, 2000	Elected Officials Meeting in Steubenville to review Phase I Study. BHJ Staff prepares and presents a 30 point question-answer document. Forty-seven (47) persons attend.
August 11, 2000	Nino Brunello (ODOT) e-mails BHJ and indicates "the internal-external model and the updated external-external trip table for the base year are complete. I should be finished by the 25 th ."
July 31, 2000	BHJ forwards final draft Scope of Services to state DOT's. Requests comment within five days.
June 6, 2000	Letter from BHJ to PKG states "you are formally notified to commence work on Part 2 of the two-part study called the Ohio River Bridge System Needs and Location Study."
June 6, 2000	With ODOT representation (Greg Gurney), WVDOT representation (Don Bailey and Richard Warner), BHJ representation (John Brown, Lisa Kush, Mike Paprocki and Shawn Price), and PKG representation (Jack Pfum), a formal Notice to Proceed statement and letter for Phase 2 was provided to PKG Consultants."
May, 2000	Phase I Final Report. Upper Ohio Valley Bridge System Study forwarded to BHJ and funding agencies.
May 25, 2000	BHJ Commission adopts Phase I Report.
May 3, 2000	BHJ Bridge Advisory Committee recommends Draft Phase I Report.

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- September 22, 1999** Pflum, Klausmeier & Gehrum Consultants, Inc. and the BHJ execute an agreement to complete Phase I Needs Analysis for the Upper Ohio River Needs and Location Study.
- August 24, 1999** WVDOT, ODOT and BHJ select a preferred consultant to complete the regional bridge study.
- July 20, 1999** Project review meeting #3 in Charleston to determine consultant short-list.
- June 17, 1999** Project review meeting #2 in Steubenville to solidify project financing.
- June 14 and 21, 1999** Legal advertisement in Charleston Daily Mail and Columbus Dispatch. Individualized mailings sent to 37 consultants.
- April 29, 1999** Project review meeting #1 in Charleston.
- April 28, 1999** WVDOT submits Project Prospectus.
- March 2, 1999** BHJ submitted consultant scope of work and advertising statements to the West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT).
- February 9, 1999** BHJ met with Richard Warner, WVDOT Director of Urban Studies, to review bridge study history and needs to finalize a contract.
- December 30, 1998** BHJ met with the Suzann Gad, ODOT Planning Administrator. A list of consultants was provided. Technical service costs were estimated. Advertising requirements were evaluated.
- December 3, 1998** John Brown met with WVDOT staff in Charleston to overview proposed Bridge Study.
- September 16, 1998** BHJ Commission directed staff (1) to finalize a scope of study (2) to prepare a request for proposal and (3) to determine funding source(s) for a "Bridge System Needs and Location Analysis for the Steubenville-Weirton Metropolitan Statistical Area."
- June 18, 1998** BHJ Commission postponed "Bridge System Needs" discussion until a new Executive Director was in place. Mr. Schwertfeger asked Brooke County be kept apprized of progress.
- March 19, 1998** The BHJ Technical Advisory Committee recommended BHJ staff pursue discretionary funds with WVDOT and ODOT for a consultant study for a regional bridge study.
- February 18, 1998** Funding/RFP preparation meeting for a Bridge System Study held in Charleston, WV. WVDOT, ODOT and BHJ representatives were in

- attendance. It was concluded the Study would be prepared by a consultants.
- February, 1998** BHJ staff prepared a Scope of Study Outline to be discussed with WVDOT. The narrative to the outlined stated "BHJ staff does not have the financial nor technical resources to adequately address all issues. It is anticipated the proposed study will be designed to meet the requirements of a Major Investment Study (MIS) and will serve as the proposed Corridor Study referenced in BHJ's Overall Work Program."
- February 6, 1998** Preliminary draft letter from Samuel Beverage (Commissioner/Ohio Department of Transportation) stated, "Our verbal commitment to assist in this effort was given during BHJ's meetings on September 18, 1997. The approach discussed for the location study has been to pick up where the new plan leaves off, and take the proposal to the next level. This would complete the planning phase and would provide for an easy transition to project development when we are able to direct financial resources to the project."
- January 29, 1998** BHJ 2020 Regional Transportation Plan adopted. Plan stated, "It is recommended BHJ continue to pursue the implementation of this project in several ways. First, a study should be implemented which will identify the best location and a more accurate cost of the proposed structure. This study should be conducted jointly with both Ohio and West Virginia Departments of Transportation. Along with the study, it is recommended that BHJ staff work closely with the local elected officials to pursue a dedicated source of funding and funding options such as a bridge toll for this structure."
- October 29, 1997** The Ohio Department of Transportation held a public meeting with BHJ and representatives of Steubenville, Weirton, and Jefferson County to explain the current condition and future plans for the Ft. Steuben Bridge.
- September 1997** BHJ staff prepared "Preliminary Report on the Impact of Closing the Fort Steuben Bridge." Staff concluded "the information provided by the travel demand model has indicated that the closure of the Fort Steuben Bridge will result in increased congestion, more restricted traffic flows, and therefore have negative impact on regional transportation flow and air quality."
- September 24, 1997** The Wells Township Civic League (Brilliant, Ohio) submitted a letter to BHJ in support of the proposed bridge study.
- September 18, 1997** At a regular meeting of the BHJ Policy Committee, a motion was passed requesting WVDOT initiate a "Bridge Location Study." The study

	purpose was "to identify a site for the proposed new Ohio River crossing somewhere near Wellsburg, WV."
September 5, 1997	Brooke County Commissioners submitted a request to be placed on the BHJ Policy Committee agenda to support a resolution for a "Bridge Location Study."
August 29, 1997	The West Virginia Division of Highways Commissioner, Fred VanKirk, submitted a letter to Brooke County Commissioners and stated "...the proposed bridge has been included in BHJ's long-range transportation plan for your area since 1994. The Department of Transportation and the Division of Highways cooperated with BHJ in the development of the plan, and we concur with its contents. Both offices will assist BHJ in revising the plan, in fact, that effort is already underway. I would suggest that you ask the BHJ staff to include your proposal on the agenda for the next meeting."
August 11, 1997	BHJ submitted a letter to the West Virginia Division of Highways Commissioner, Fred VanKirk, outlining the history of the proposed bridge and reaffirming BHJ's support for such a project.
July 17, 1997	At the last BHJ public hearing for the Year 2020 Transportation Plan, officials from Follansbee and Mingo Junction lent their support to the possible construction of a bridge linking Mingo to an area of Brooke County between Follansbee and Wellsburg.
July 3, 1997	Governor Underwood acknowledged receipt of the Brooke County Commissioner letter and the forwarding of his request to the West Virginia Division of Highways, Fred VanKirk.
June 23, 1997	Brooke County Commissioners submitted a letter to West Virginia Governor Underwood and requested consideration of a new bridge in the Northern Panhandle to connect at either Cross Creek or Buffalo Creek. The letter was forwarded to the Commissioner of the Division of Highways, Fred VanKirk.
July 28, 1995	WVDOT rated the Market Street Bridge in "poor" condition and the Veterans Bridge in "good" condition. ODOT rated the Fort Steuben Bridge in "fair" condition. "When something is in poor condition, according to the state rating system, it is still doing the job, but only barely. Structures in poor condition are not in imminent danger of collapsing, but they should be repaired." (Herald-Star July 28, 1995, Page 1B).
May 31, 1994	The BHJ Year 2015 Transportation Plan was adopted. The Plan identified the construction OF A NEW Ohio River Bridge crossing between

	Follansbee and Wellsburg as a primary project. "It would serve to alleviate much of the congestion currently realized on State Route 2 through Follansbee and Wellsburg."
June 3, 1993	The West Virginia Division of Highways lowered the weight limit on the Market Street Bridge from 13 tons to 5 tons after reviewing the results of an inspection by Burgess & Niple Ltd. of Parkersburg.
July, 1993	Community resolutions in support of retaining the Market Street Bridge were passed by the communities of Steubenville and Winterville.
December 22, 1993	A press release from the office of U.S. Representative Douglas Applegate of Steubenville indicated Governor Gaston Caperton has assured Mr. Applegate there is no effort being made to close the bridge linking Steubenville and West Virginia, between Follansbee and Weirton. (Herald-Star). Mr. Applegate said, "Plans for the construction of a new bridge to link Brilliant with Wellsburg would not be affected by plans to keep the Market Street Bridge open." Dennis Carpenter, Administrative Assistant to the District Six Engineer of the Division of Highways said, "We have announced we are interested in building a new bridge and that we will make such plans, but that is just about the only thing that is definite at this point. The Market Street Bridge can last for many, many years. It's a very sound bridge." (Dec. 22, 1993, Page 1).
July 22, 1993	Fred VanKirk (Commissioner/WV State Highway Engineer) in response to Mark Baldwin (City Manager/City of Wellsburg), stated in letter form, "The existing bridge is safe for its posted load limits. For future travel needs, however, we are preparing to perform a study which will include consideration of major renovation of the existing structure, replacement at the existing site or construction of a new bridge at another location. A major consideration in our study will be a new bridge near Cross Creek."
January 19, 1993	Fred VanKirk (Acting Commissioner/WV State Highway Engineer) in response to Robert Sandercox (V.P. Bethany College) stated in letter form, "... such a bridge would also help alleviate the congestion on WV 88 as you have mentioned. We will consider the possibility of a new transriver crossing at Wellsburg, as well as other sites, during our study of West Virginia Route 2."

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Subject: INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP PUBLIC MEETING

Project: The Proposed Ohio River Crossing
Brooke County, WV and Jefferson County, Ohio
State Project: S205-2/23-0.00 00
Federal Project: HPP-0223(003)D

COMMENTS DUE BY November 13, 2008

Please consider the following comments:

Since the impending closing for the Fort Steuben Bridge and eventually the Market Street Bridge is not that far away, the new bridge should be built as soon as possible. It should not take 20 or 30 years to build a bridge! How can there be any economic development if our infrastructure is so outdated.

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Please consider the following comments:

If the bridge were to be brought in on the Penn entrance to Brilliant across to Wellburg, WV, the cost would be less as the government already owns a lot of the property in the Brilliant area. It would mean less moving of people. Also going this way would mean you would not have to cut a way through the mountains on the W Virginia side. Please do not give up on this area for the bridge, for years we have traveled to the Steubenville area & they already have a bridge. The Brilliant area is growing larger, please give our area consideration.

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October 23, 2008

RE: Comments on informational workshop public meeting held on October 9, 2008
at the Buckeye North Middle School, 1004 Third Street, Brilliant, Ohio.

To Whom It May Concern:

In 2003 the Wells Township Trustees passed a resolution supporting a new bridge across the Ohio River between Wellsburg, W. V. and Brilliant, Ohio. We appointed Helen Mayle to serve on the (30) thirty member committee recruited by the Brook-Hancock-Jefferson Metropolitan Planning Commission as the Township's representative. Mrs. Mayle has served our Township in an exceptional manor and made us aware that due to a smaller population we needed to continue to reinforce the conclusions of that committee recommending a bridge should be built between the north end of Brilliant to Buffalo Creek near Wellsburg W.V. Please be reminded that the extensive study identified a new bridge south of Wellsburg as a higher priority than a bridge at Washington Street in Steubenville, Ohio.

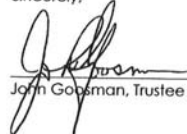
The Planning Commission stated that opportunity for economic development wasn't the only consideration by the committee and engineers who recommended the Brilliant to Wellsburg location. This location will not only likely be a lesser cost than other locations but would give a much needed and over due boost to local economics of both areas. It will facilitate a sustainable transportation system that will support economic growth of the surrounding area and increase safety to commuters. The crossing site will allow industry and commuters to travel throughout the region with reduced trips, lengths, travel times and fuel

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consumption. Mr. Jack Brown, executive director of the Brook-Hancock-Jefferson Metropolitan planning Commission acknowledged time is of the essence in moving forward with this project. He noted that the general rate of inflation being 15% each year will add to the estimated 100 million dollar bridge cost.

The Trustees would emphasize that the public meeting here in Brilliant on October 9, 2008 brought out the largest number of concerned citizens of any of the public meetings. We realize that other areas have higher population numbers but all of the evidence developed by the Planning Commission and emergency studies made it clear that the bridge should be built between Brilliant and Wellsburg and we urge the decision maker to act on these facts and conclusions.

Sincerely,


John T. Goosman, Trustee


Joe Ellis, Trustee


John E. Cook, Trustee


Joe Matthews, Fiscal Officer

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September 24, 2009: Wellsburg Middle School

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COMMENTS DUE BY October 24, 2009

Please consider the following comments:

Alternative 2, as my opinion would be the better route. The remaining alternatives are done at a lot of undesirable properties. Alternative 7 will remove a lot of the only recreation area for brilliant youth. The youth enjoy that area. There are there from morning until police sound for curfew. They are never a problem to the neighbors where will they congregates when that is gone? What area be replaced for the children? If so, where is brilliant? There is not a lot of extra space for a "park" of the kind. Also, what will a bridge in front of my house do to the value of my home? Will hinder my ability to sell my home if needed? If not, can this be promised in writing for brilliant would benefit from extra travel, but when speaking to a member of the project team that traffic will be for the Cardinal place. Alternative 2 will be a close road to the residence and with a gas station conveniently located. It will disrupt fewer homes. In reading the provided information, ALT. 7 is the cheaper choice for construction but will be the cheaper choice for the residence i.e. increased traffic in the middle of town, more noise, accidents and crime rate. Alternative 2 will keep heavy traffic out of the heart of our "Sleepy" town and make an easier access to gas station, Cardinal place, and route 7 ramps.

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September 25, 2009

Mr. Ben L. Hark
Environmental Section Head
West Virginia Department of Transportation
Division of Highways
1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Building 5, Room 110
Charleston, West Virginia 15205-0430

Dear Mr. Hark:

Thank you for taking the time to return my telephone call in response to your inquiry regarding North Middle School and the adjacent football field. I have enclosed a copy of resolution #172/09 passed by the Buckeye Local Board of Education on August 10, 2009.

The Buckeye Local School District has elected to close North Middle School effective June, 2010. The students currently attending North Middle will attend SouthWest Middle in Tiltonsville, Ohio as of August, 2010. The Buckeye Local School District will not use the football field for any organized athletic contests sponsored by the District after June, 2010. All interscholastic activities sponsored by the School District will be held at other sites throughout the Buckeye Local School District.

Should you need to contact me in regard to this matter, please do not hesitate to do so. I can be reached at the numbers listed above.

Sincerely,

Mark S. Miller

Mark S. Miller
Superintendent

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10-25-09
From Mark S. Miller
Superintendent

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

BUCKEYE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

HELD: MONDAY

6:00 PM

AUGUST 10, 2009

APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATE/ALTERNATE-OSBA ANNUAL MEETING

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by Mr. DeLuca and seconded by Mr. Zelek, to Approve the following members to serve as the Buckeye Local School District representative and alternate at the annual meeting of the Ohio School Boards Association to be held in November, 2009:

Delegate- Naoma Kolkedy
Alternate- Don Moore

Ayes: Zelek, Moore, Signorini, DeLuca, Kolkedy

Noes: None

Motion carried.

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APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROVIDER

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Signorini to adopt a resolution to approve Jim Horton as an Emergency Medical provider for the 2009/10 school year at a rate of \$1200 per month, not to exceed \$12,000.00.

Ayes: Moore, Signorini, DeLuca, Zelek, Kolkedy

Noes: None

Motion carried.

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APPROVAL OF STRATEGIC PLAN FOR DISTRICT FISCAL STABILITY

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by Mr. DeLuca and seconded by Mr. Moore to approve the Strategic Plan for District Fiscal Stability as presented.

Ayes: DeLuca, Zelek, Moore, Signorini, Kolkedy

Noes: None

Motion carried.

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ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION-CAROL BROWN

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by Mr. DeLuca and seconded by Mr. Moore to accept the resignation of Carol Brown, custodian, for the purposes of retirement, effective August 3, 2009. Mrs. Brown is commended for her years of service to the Buckeye Local School District.

Ayes: Signorini, DeLuca, Moore, Zelek, Kolkedy

Noes: None

Motion carried.

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APPROVAL TO CLOSE NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. DeLuca to adopt a resolution due to financial reasons to close the following school: North Middle School, located at 1004 Third Street, Brilliant, Ohio, effective June, 2010. The students otherwise assigned to attend Buckeye North Middle School will be reassigned to attend Buckeye Southwest Middle School, located at 100 Walden Avenue, Tiltonsville, Ohio, 43963.

Ayes: Moore, Zelek, DeLuca, Signorini, Kolkedy

Noes: None

Motion carried.

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Gregory Bailey, P.E.
Director -Engineering Division
West Virginia Department of Highways
State Capitol Complex, Building S, Room 450
1900 Klawha Boulevard East
Charleston, WV 25305-0430

Dear Mr. Bailey:

As a life long resident of Brilliant, OH, I am writing to express my displeasure at the possibility of the proposed bridge coming into Brilliant behind the Middle School.

With two other options available, I find this to be the least desirable for the people of Brilliant. This is our main residential area, it is the area where our children go to school, walking the main street. It is also the area where our recreation is based. The pool, park, skate park, baseball field and basketball court are all within easy walking distance for our children. Our recently constructed walking track is used by many in the community, especially the senior citizens, many who do not drive and find it convenient to walk to the track.

If you choose this site, it will destroy our residential area, just as the placement of Route 7 fifty years ago, destroyed the business district and our access to the river front. This site will throw, according to your figures, approximately 9,000 cars a day on our street, making it unsafe for our children, destroying our roadway, and causing increased activity for our police department, with all cost to be borne by the people of Wells Township.

Currently, Brilliant is a relatively safe community with our children able to walk to the ball fields. the library, ride their bikes and visit and play with friends in relative safety. This will all change if you throw all of this traffic on to our village streets. I know the cost is less at this site, but the esthetic cost, the safety factor and the cost in wear and tear and additional police protection will be extreme for this small community with limited resources.

Personally, I see very little benefit to the people of Brilliant, but much for the people of Wellsburg and vicinity, who do not wish to travel Route 2. Currently those people cross over at Steubenville and travel north and south on Route 7. Even the West Virginia Dept. of Highway and your sheriff depts. travel Route 7 doing bridge inspections and when transporting prisoners.

Years and years and hundreds of man hours are spent deciding what effect such construction would have on the snail darter or the spotted owl or other wild life species. Studies are never done as to what harmful effects such construction will have on communities or the citizens of a given community. If such a study had been done, there is no way you would even propose to put this bridge at the middle school location.

Please, for the sake of the people and children of Brilliant, reconsider and eliminate this site from consideration.

Sincerely,

cc: Jason Wilson, Ohio Senate
John Domenick, Ohio House of Representatives
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Mr. Gregory Bailey, P.E.
Director, Engineering Division
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State Capitol Complex, Building 5, Room 450
1900 Kanawha Boulevard East
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Please consider the following comments:

WHY NOW? WHEN WESTON ST. + WING PIT APOX (20,000) EMPLOYEES WAS RUNNING AND THE TOWNS WERE PROSPEROUS AND OUR PROPERTY HAD SOME VALUE IT WAS BEST A BRIDGE WAS NOT NEEDED. OUR TOWN (BRILLIANT) IS NOW MADE UP OF RETIREES AND VETERAN FAMILIES. THE YOUNG PEOPLE HAD TO MOVE AWAY TO FIND EMPLOYMENT. TO CONSIDER PLACING A BRIDGE TO THE BRIDGE OF A SCHOOL AND IN THE ONLY RESIDENTIAL SECTION OF THE TOWN IS WITH ANY VALUE WOULD COMPLETELY DESTROY BRILLIANT. I AM ALSO NOT SURE HOW THE NUMBER OF 9000 VEHICLES PER DAY CAN DECREASE. I DON'T SEE ANY SIGN OF NEW BUSINESSES COMING TO THE AREA. SO I AGAIN ASK WHY NOW? IF YOU MUST BUILD, THEN REMEMBER THE CHEAPEST IS NOT ALWAYS THE BEST. PLEASE ALSO THINK SAFETY FIRST. THANKS

(Please print the following information)

Name: JACK N HOOVER

Address: 1203 GLENN ST

BRILLIANT OHIO 43913

Organization (if any):

ITEM	1990	2009
Gas Stations	1	1
Convenience Stores	1	1
Furniture Store	1	0
Diner	1	1
New Car Dealership	1	1
Home Depot	1	0
Hardware	2	0
Post Office	1	1
Bank	1	1
Pharmacy	1	0
Food St.	1	2
Woolworth	5	1
Subsidiary	1	0

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Please consider the following comments:

*THIS IS A MUCH NEEDED BRIDGE TO
STIMULATE THE ECONOMY BETWEEN WEST VIRGINIA
AND OHIO. THE CLOSEST BRIDGE IS IN
STEUBENVILLE AND WHEELING. LOTS OF WORKERS
FROM THE CARDINAL PLANT AND SEACORAL WHEELING
TRAVEL MILES OUT OF THEIR WAY TO DRIVE
FROM WEST VIRGINIA TO OHIO TOWNS. NOT
TO MENTION DELIVERIES TO THESE PLANTS.*

(Please print the following information)

Name: *BRIAN MAYER*
Address: *97 WHISKEY JINS*
RAYLAND, OH

Organization (if any):

*UNITED STEELWORKERS OF AMERICA
DISTRICT 1*

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Please consider the following comments:

*IT WOULD BE A GREAT FEATURE TO HAVE THIS BRIDGE, TO
GET TO WEST VIRGINIA AND PENNSYLVANIA. IT WOULD OPEN
NEW POSSIBILITIES AS FAR AS FOOD, RECREATION, AND BUSINESS.*

(Please print the following information)

Name: *CASSY MAYER*
Address:
P.O. Box 92 Brilliant, OH 43113

Organization (if any):

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Please consider the following comments:

*Please take into consideration the economy factor
How a bridge in our area could help bring businesses
Being able to cross into WV being able to patronize the
The shops and business.
- A safety factor with the two fire Dept. being
able to help each other.
- A shorter route to Penn. - (Washington, Pa.)*

(Please print the following information)

Name: *Earl Richardson*
Address: *902 3RD ST*
Ballinart, Ohio 43913

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Please consider the following comments:

*REARJUST SIDES TO MORE ON ONE SIDE TO
ACCOMMODATE TRAIL CONNECTION OHIO TO
WEST VIRGINIA. MAYBE COULD THEN TAP INTO
ANOTHER POCKET FOR FUNDING!*

(Please print the following information)

Name: *ROBY GREATHOUSE*
Address:

Organization (if any): *BROOKE PIONEER TRAIL*
BROOKE COUNTY HISTORIC MUSEUM

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Please consider the following comments:

Should of had R+A.

(Please print the following information)

Name:

Address:

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Please consider the following comments:

Please choose A4 or 2 as possible options
The option that takes the school property
is too close to the "incut" homes the
community will not own.
The traffic would congest the town &
provide an "easy exit road" to someone
who might kidnap children playing in
the section of town.
Thank you!

(Please print the following information)

Name: Andrea White

Address:

1112 Birchmont Dr 5985111
Bullitt Ohio 43913

Organization (if any):

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Please consider the following comments:

has on the bridge
south end of town

(Please print the following information)

Name: Jerry Lewis

Address: 506 Wallace St. Brilliant, OH 43913

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Please consider the following comments:

Spur # 2
do not like the overpass
coming in at the school area

(Please print the following information)

Name: Mrs. Ruth Hanson

Address: 1308 Hurkitt St.
Brilliant, OH 43913

Organization (if any):

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Please consider the following comments:

4A is the best decision because it is furthest
from the most residential area of town. ~~And~~
~~Also~~ ~~pretty~~ With decision 4A less
traffic would be through town.

(Please print the following information)

Name: Mike Rotch

Address:

Organization (if any):

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Please consider the following comments:

I think the best plan is 4A because
it is closer to Wellsburg and it
is furthest away from residents
living on the main street, and living
in the middle of Brilliant.

(Please print the following information)

Name: Kilah Lyons

Address:

1113 Eilechrist St. Brilliant

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Please consider the following comments:

Alter date 4A would be the best of the three.
I would like to consider moving it north
of BRILLIANT by the BOAT CLUB/water
treatment plant to avoid all the traffic
going thru the main street of BRILLIANT. You
are proposing putting all this traffic next
to two schools where children play & walk
back & forth to school. People speed which
will endanger the well being of children. Please
consider the north end of Brilliant and the
Buffalo Creek Arlefor a bridge.

(Please print the following information)

Name: Tina McCain
Address: 1014 Hukill St.
BRILLIANT OHIO, 43913

Organization (if any):

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Please consider the following comments:

North end of Brilliant - to North side of
Buffalo Creek! - As far as Wellsburg's
benefit from this bridge.
GET "ER" DONE.

(Please print the following information)

Name: Mark Mayle
Address: 710 3RD
BRILLIANT, OH 43913

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Please consider the following comments:

See Attached Sheet.

*IF You have Already decided To build the Bridge
in The Brilliant-Wellsburg area, Disregard the
Essay.*

(Please print the following information)

Name: *Doug Richardson*
Address: *192 MOUNTAIN VIEW DRIVE
RAYLAND, OHIO 43943*
Organization (if any):

Doug Richardson

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10/15/2008

"So Close, But Yet So Far"

For years people that live in the Wellsburg, West Virginia and Brilliant, Ohio areas have been thinking, if not saying, "If only we had a bridge". These two communities are right across the Ohio River from each other, about a half mile apart, but in reality for them to access each other, it would take a 15-20 mile car ride.

Some people are fortunate enough to own a boat, and if they already have it docked, they can make the trip in about a minute. But this is not practical for all people, and for most people is not an option in the winter season.

I understand now that a bridge is in the making for somewhere in the Upper Ohio Valley. This is what these people have been waiting on for many years. A dream come true. This bridge **must** span the Ohio somewhere between the northern end of Wellsburg, and the southern end of Brilliant.

Building the bridge in this area would do a great deal, making it **convenient** for these people, and not **more convenient** for someone else. Putting it here would primarily accomplish three things: Help the area **Go Green, Broaden Resources**, and give the citizens a **Better Way of Life**.

Going Green

Providing a bridge for these folks would cut many miles off of different destinations. People that work at the Cardinal Plant would have a 1-2 mile drive to work

instead of a 20 mile ride to work and the people that are boating to work would not have to anymore.

School buses that are traveling to sporting events would have another option, keeping them on a 4 lane highway for a longer period of time, especially in the winter time, when taking students to the opposite state, instead of going out of their way to Steubenville or Wheeling. Multiply this by the thousands of people that are affected and look at the fuel that is being saved! Cutting down the time that these buses are on the road reduces the risk of accidents.

And then let's not overlook the other option that a bridge would open up. Some people, weather permitting, would be able to walk or ride a bicycle to their destination eliminating fuel usage all together!

A better Way of Life

This bridge would help businesses on both sides of the river. People would no longer have to drive 10 miles north or 15 miles south for certain products and services.

Commercial vehicles making deliveries would be able to cut time and miles off of their route also, once again, saving fuel.

People from Brilliant could now drive directly to Washington, PA in about 25 minutes instead of driving 20 minutes to Wheeling, then another 25-30 minutes to Washington. This would cut 45 minutes off of all points east for the Ohioans.

These two communities could share each other's restaurants, parks, carnivals, gas stations, etc.

People from ~~the~~ Brilliant could now look in the Washington, PA area for

employment being that it would be only 30 minutes away.

Wellsburg residents could cross into Ohio to travel south to the St. Clairsville mall instead of having to travel the two lane through Warwood traffic.

Ohio residents would only be 10 minutes from Bethany College and 15 minutes from West Liberty State College instead of 45-50 minutes. That would allow a lot of students to commute instead of having to spend all of that money on room & board. Winter travel would also benefit when considering the safety factor.

People may want to drive 20-25 minutes for a part time job, but they would drive 3 minutes. This would also open up more job options for people who are looking for part time employment.

Broaden Resources

One of the main subjects of anyone's concern is safety and emergency resources.

Brooke County residents that must get to the Steubenville hospitals could cross over to Brilliant and have a straight 4 lane shot to Steubenville. Look at the time that could be saved if the ambulances did not have to drive through Follansbee traffic during rush hour. It would be safer to cross over to Ohio and utilize their 4 lane.

This area could pool their EMS and fire resources. If the day would come that a major incident would occur at the Cardinal Plant, Wellsburg could be included in the emergency response being only minutes away.

Wellsburg and Brilliant fire and EMS could set up a plan on a day to day basis to cover each other in the case of multiple incidents or shortage of staff. A lot of emergency equipment would be available to a lot more people.

Why Not Somewhere Else?

Putting this bridge where bridges already exist would only make it **more** convenient for the people that don't need it. People that already have bridges want this one because it would be convenient when **one** of their current bridges closes down for repairs or an accident they won't have to go a few minutes out of their way on a temporary detour.

If they think it's an inconvenience having to go a few minutes out of their way, they should stop and consider what the people between Mingo Jct. and Tiltonsville have to go through **every time** they want to head east or simply cross the river.

In conclusion, I think that it is necessary to make the Wellsburg-Brilliant areas the Wellsburg-Brilliant Area.

In my opinion, if any other location is even considered, scrap the project and save \$100,000,000.

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Please consider the following comments:

We have lived at 1103 Third Street since 1987, where the traffic has increased nearly every year. Timing has become an every day occurrence when leaving or returning to our property, this in order to have fewer encounters with traffic.

Since retiring, we purchased a 35-foot Motorhome and it has become even more difficult backing into the area where I park this vehicle. In order to do this; I must wait until all northbound and southbound traffic on Third Street diminishes to a point where I can pull across the street before backing up. The added flow of traffic (9000 ADT) will only make matters worse. This is my only means of entering my parking area.

Additionally, I agree with my wife's concerns of the additional nuisance noise, the possible HAZMAT issues and the possibility of engine brake noise because of the 4% grade.

The need for a bridge near Brilliant is extremely important for me, but **Alternative 7** would impact too many residents on Third Street. Please consider **Alternative 2** for the bridge access, which would impact fewer residential properties.

(Please print the following information)

Name: GILBERT L. STERLING 9/25/09
Address: 1103 3rd St
Brilliant, OH 45913 740/246200

Organization (if any):

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Please consider the following comments:

I am writing with my support of
a "New BRIDGE" in Southern
Brooke County. I have also
studied the sites. In my opinion,
Site Alternative 4a would be
the best.

(Please print the following information)

Name: KRIS YOST
Address: 1413 Pleasant Ave
Wellsburg, WV 26070

Organization (if any):
Resident of Brooke County

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Please consider the following comments:

First, I agree that a bridge is badly needed in the Brilliant area, but I'm concerned with the Alternative 7 proposal. As a homeowner at 1103 3rd Street, Brilliant, OH, I have the following concerns.

- Entering / exiting our property is already difficult at times, the additional 9000 estimated average daily traffic will only add to this problem.
- Trucks using engine brakes at all hours of the night, due to the 4% grade into Brilliant.
- Increased traffic volume into our residential neighborhood will only add to the nuisance noise we currently endure.
- Potential health hazards with chemical trucks entering residential area
- If the proposed turning lane doesn't work out and additional property is required, will you take any other property?

I would prefer to see Alternative 2 utilized as the bridge access. The higher flow of traffic would be nearer the interchange, impacting fewer residents.

(Please print the following information)

Name: Lola Sterling
Address: 1103 Third Street
Brilliant, Ohio 43913

Organization (if any):

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Please consider the following comments:

As being a life long resident I am very excited about the possibility of a bridge to open our area up. However the only problem I have with this projected site is the Third Street road conditions. Old Rt 7 which is now Third Street is an old old road. It handled many cars and trucks of the old State Rt 7. It now services local traffic & it always is full of pot holes. If a new bridge is added to the area, a new road needs to be considered for the additional cars & trucks that we will have.

(Please print the following information)

Name: Deloria Quinn
Address: 1005 3rd Street

Brilliant, Ohio 43913

Organization (if any):

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Please consider the following comments:

I feel that Alternative 2 is the best location for the new bridge, if one is going to happen. You are not going right through the middle of town this way & will be using ramps that are already in place instead of having to build new ones. Alternative 7 would not be a good place because you would have all that traffic that would interfere with the fire department if anything should arise. New department is to be built across from the middle school. So again I feel Alternative 2 is the best.

(Please print the following information)

Name: Sherry Morris
Address: 562 Twy Rd 167
Mingo Jct. OH 43938

Organization (if any):

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Please consider the following comments:

As a life time resident of Brilliant, OH I defiantly pick **Alternative 4A**. I cannot believe you would even consider our residential area. You would be completely ruining our town. This is a small town and our only amenities are our pool, park, walking track, tennis courts, football field and you would completely ruin them all. Who would want to swim in a pool with a bridge and all the traffic practically on top of them. We cannot move them, we have no land. We had to dissolve our town to Wells Twp. To get good roads, what will happen to 3rd street? The road would be terrible, always in need of repair, where does the money come from?. All that traffic in a residential area, would you like to live there? This doesn't even mention the schools, what's going to happen to them. We know what the school board says but we are the voters and we have already had our say once and we will do it again. The bridge would be a great excuse for them, but we won't let that happen either. Please save our town and pick alternative 4A.

Elaine Fellows
813 Fifth St
Brilliant, OH 43913

Elaine Fellows

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Gary R. Folden
200 Ohio Street
Brilliant, OH 43913-1125

October 7, 2009

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RE: Ohio River Bridge Crossing Between Brilliant, OH and an Area South of
Wellsburg, WV

Dear Mr. Bailey:

Please accept my comments in regard to the above referenced project. I was unable to attend either of the two public meetings held November 23rd and 24th in Brilliant and Wellsburg, however, I would like my observations to be considered in the selection of the final construction site.

A 57-year (life-long) resident of Brilliant, Ohio, I have seen our town dwindle from a vibrant, active village to a quiet residential community. The decline in tax revenues due to the loss of businesses and a small glass factory was a major component that played a part in the successful dissolution of the municipal corporation in the last decade and the ensuing return to a township form of government. The State Route 7 bypass was a major factor in the decline of business activity in Brilliant. It is my belief that a bridge between Brilliant and Wellsburg is vital to the economic growth of our village, as well as our county our neighbor, Brooke County. I want to see my community grow and prosper and return to its heyday of prior years and I feel that this bridge is a positive step in the right direction.

I keep active in county-wide affairs and continually work to improve the entire county. My seat on the BHJ MPC Full Commission, having served as its past chairman and vice-chairman, and my involvement with the Bridge Study Committee has given me much insight into the entire bridge situation. The Jefferson County Community Investment Plan, which calls for the construction of the bridge as one of its main goals, was a plan in which I played a major role in developing. As interim president of the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, I took the active lead in bringing this document to fruition.

Upon review of the three (3) location alternatives I believe the most viable location for the new Ohio River bridge crossing is the one you label 4F, which is from WV State Route 2 south of Buffalo Creek in Brooke County to Ohio State Route 7 between Steuben and Penn Streets, with a cost of \$125.4 million. Even though it is the most expensive alternative, it will have the least impact on the businesses and community atmosphere of our village and seems the most appropriate solution.

Phone: (740) 598-4225

Email: garyfolden@comcast.net

Fax: (801) 740-9546

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Gary R. Folden
200 Ohio Street
Brilliant, OH 43913-1125

Locating the bridge end closer to Steuben Street in Brilliant would allow the access ramps to be constructed on largely vacant land, without using existing village streets. Bringing the bridge down at this location would permit use of the existing ingress and egress ramps on Ohio State Route 7 and would provide readily available land for construction of the new ingress and egress ramps required by the project. Since nothing can be built on this flood plain, fill dirt could raise the ramp levels and help alleviate the current access issues that occur on the interchange at the north end of Brilliant when there is river flooding. However, there would be a detrimental impact to businesses that would be displaced.

The construction of the bridge at either of the other two sites would have a severe impact on the traffic patterns in the village and would appear to be inconvenient, on the Ohio side, for motorists using the bridge. It seems illogical to try to improve traffic patterns and still have the traffic traveling village streets to drive to the Ohio State Route 7 interchange at the south end of Brilliant. The location landing at Hudson Street would have an adverse effect on recreational facilities and would be dangerously close to an elementary and middle schools, which would jeopardize the safety of our children. The landing at Clark Way would have a similar impact on traffic and seems illogical in that traffic would again have to travel village streets to get to Ohio State Route 7. Once again, this could have a bad impact on existing businesses that will lose land and possibly need to be relocated. It would also reduce the value of the residences in the area as the community atmosphere would be adversely affected by the huge increase in traffic volume.

It would appear, on the surface, that the 4F alternative is the most viable to retain the local community atmosphere, improve and promote a smooth traffic flow, and would have less impact on business, which our community cannot afford to lose. Please carefully consider all the alternatives and choose the one that will be the most beneficial to economic growth and community improvement.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views and for your diligent efforts to provide the best highway system for the entire Ohio Valley.

Sincerely,

Gary R. Folden
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Please consider the following comments:

We know it is wise to seek the lowest cost when considering a project like the Brilliant to Wellsburg bridge. However, alternative 7 is a bad alternative in our opinion. We know Brilliant is a small, laid back community, and we like it that way. Putting 9000 or more vehicles, many of which will be heavy trucks, onto Third Street in the heart of Brilliant's residential area is a frightening prospect indeed. We live one block off Third Street on Gilchrist and the thought of all the increased noise, dirt and congestion, to say nothing of the probable destruction of our property values, causes us a great deal of consternation. The proposed bridge is going to be four lane. Does it seem reasonable to expect that vehicles coming off that four lane structure will be able to satisfactorily and safely "neck down" to the narrow two lane Third Street? Doesn't it seem probable that Third street will be made four lane pretty soon after the bridge were open? Where will the two extra lanes go? Will houses have to be condemned to make room for the lanes or should we just put the lanes in those residents' front yards? Who will be stuck paying for that?

We've heard that this project has been being considered for many years, (50 plus according to some "old timers" we've talked to), It sounds like a good idea. However I can't recall any major bridges that end in a residential area. Alternative 2 looks like the best idea from our point of view. It's a bit away from any residential area, there is no potential need to widen Third Street, and it's an easy connection to Rte 7.

(Please print the following information)

Name: Mike & Carol Welsh
Address: 1202 Gilchrist ST.
Brilliant.

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Please consider the following comments:

AS A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF BRILLIANT
I AM VERY UPSET AT THE IDEA OF A BRIDGE
BEING BUILT WHICH WOULD IN ANY WAY DISTURB THE
MAIN RESIDENTIAL SECTION OF BRILLIANT. YOU KNOW
AS WELL AS I DO THAT YOU WILL BE DESTROYING THE
ATMOSPHERE EVEN IF YOU DON'T DESTROY THE HOUSES.
I GET UPSET WHEN THE LIVES OF PEOPLE BECOME
LESS IMPORTANT THAN MONEY.
I HAVE ALWAYS FELT THE NEED FOR A BRIDGE TO BE BUILT
SOMEWHERE BETWEEN STEUBENVILLE AND WHEELING AND THERE IS A
LOT OF VACANT LAND ON BOTH SIDES OF THE RIVER. IF YOU HAVEN'T
DISTURBED THE LIVES OF RESIDENTS, I WOULD PREFER THAT
NO BRIDGE BE BUILT AT ALL!
(Please print the following information)

Name: ELEANOR M CONNELL

Address: 1111 HAKILL ST

Organization (if any):

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Please consider the following comments:

I don't think the Hudson location for the bridge
is the best place for our community. The north
end of town would work best. The Hudson
location would disrupt the day to day of our
town. That is, our main street through town
and is heavily traveled with pedestrians
mainly the children. This would create a
danger to them. The north end is less
traveled by the kids. So please think
of the children of our community and build
at the north end. I would rather have no
bridge then have it come in the Hudson location
(Please print the following information)

Name: Martina Herrlein

Address: 1306 Hill St
Brilliant OH 43913

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Please consider the following comments:

I AM OPPOSED TO CONSTRUCTION
OF A BRIDGE THAT WILL LAND
ON EITHER OF THE THREE ST.
LOCATIONS I FAVOR THE NORTH
END LOCATION - PENN ST

IF THE SITE SELECTED IS EITHER
OF THE THREE ST LOCATIONS, I AM
NOT IN FAVOR OF BUILDING A
BRIDGE

(Please print the following information)

Name: LARRY OWENS

Address: 1633 HUKILL ST.

BRILLIANT, OH 43913

Organization (if any):

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The bridge should not be put
into the center of Brilliant.
I would be wiser to
build a new bridge south
of the Electric Plant
at least North End of Brilliant.

(Please print the following information)

Name: Alice N Owens

Address: 1633 Hukill St.
Brilliant, Ohio 43913

Organization (if any):

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Please consider the following comments:

Dear Sir:

Bridge alternative 7 will cause a tremendous increase in air pollution from the large amount of vehicle traffic that will be passing within a few feet of our home. The vehicle noise through-out the day and night will be horrific. Moving my car in and out of my driveway will be very difficult and dangerous. To reduce some of these problems, it is suggested to move the traffic flow across a bridge on the south end of town, which is Alternative 2.

(Please print the following information)

Name: JAMES TURNER

Address: 1105 3rd ST.
BRILLIANT, OHIO
43913

Organization (if any):

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Please consider the following comments:

As a lifelong member of Brilliant, I am concerned about the negative impact of a bridge will cross into the nicest residential area of town. An area other than the one near Buckeye North Middle School would alleviate this problem.

As Fire Chief, I am further concerned about additional the effect that additional traffic on our most traveled street will affect response times if this site is chosen

(Please print the following information)

Name: David H. Hutchison
Address: 1015 Highland Street
Brilliant, Ohio 43913

Organization (if any):

Brilliant Vol. Fire Dept.
403 Market Street
Brilliant, OH 43913

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Note To File : NEW Ohio River Bridge Crossing

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MARK Miller - Superintendent

Buckeye Local

740-769-7395

Buckeye North Middle School

Mrs. Sharon Wallace

740-548-4540

Received from

Chris Varcolla

at 9/23 Public

Meeting.

Mr. Miller called asking about the project meeting and field reviews. Told him that I would let HDR know to ^{call} the school before coming out to inspect the grounds so that the school can be prepared for them. Will give the above information to HDR at the 9/23 Public information meeting at the middle school. Mr. Miller did mention that the middle school would be closing in 2010.

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Please consider the following comments:

FIRST OF ALL I SUPPORT A BRIDGE IN BRILLIANT.
HOWEVER I THINK THE BEST LOCATION WOULD BE
NUMBER 4-A. IF NOT 4-A MY NEXT CHOICE IS NUMBER
2. I LIVE ON HUDSON AVE WHERE NUMBER 7 IS CURRENTLY
OR TO, I THINK NUMBER 7 WOULD MAKE THIS AREA
TO CONGESTED.

(Please print the following information)

Name: RALPH E. NICKOSON JR.

Address: 200 HUDSON AVE.

BRILLIANT, OH. 43913

Organization (if any):

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Please consider the following comments:

Of your 3 proposed sites, ideally I would like to see the bridge at the north end of Brilliant. Because of cost I believe that isn't feasible. Although your study shows the middle of town for the most cost effective, I sincerely hope you will consider the south end which is closer to Rt 7 exits both north and south. I feel this will have less impact on the residence. We are a small town and putting the bridge on Hudson and third will make us a ghost town.

(Please print the following information)

Name: Margaret Nickerson
Address: 200 Hudson St.
Brilliant, Ohio 43913

Organization (if any):

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Please consider the following comments:

THERE IS A HEADLINE ON A 1967 PAPER THAT SAYS "BUILD THIS BRIDGE." 40 YEARS LATER, WE ARE STILL TRYING.

AS LONG AS THIS BRIDGE IS IN SOUTHERN BROOKE COUNTY, WE DON'T CARE WHICH ALTERNATIVE. JUST BUILD THE THING ALREADY

(Please print the following information)

Name: J.D. CARPENTER
Address: PO Box 201
WEST LIBERTY WV 26074

Organization (if any):

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Please consider the following comments:

Everyone is in agreement - a bridge
is needed. Either of the alternatives
will result in an easement in traffic
so bring on the heavy equipment and
get started!

(Please print the following information)

Name: Lisa Carpenter

Address: PO Box 201
West Liberty, WV

Organization (if any): 26094

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Please consider the following comments:

A bridge south of Wellsburg would be an incredible
improvement for many people who live in West Virginia,
but work in Ohio. I am employed at the Cardinal
Plant and currently have to travel many extra miles
to Steubenville to use the Market Street or Veterans
Bridge. Any of the three proposals would have a huge
positive impact on my daily commute, as well as many
of my coworkers.

(Please print the following information)

Name: Kristopher Hart

Address: 308 Buckeye Hill Rd.
Wellsburg, WV 26070

Organization (if any):

Cardinal Plant (American Electric Power)

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Any Site in Southern Brooke &
Jefferson County

(Please print the following information)

Name: Senator Jack Upst
Address: 1413 Pleasant Ave
Wellsburg, WV 26070

Organization (if any): JKYost Verizon Tel 9W

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I like all of the sites.
I'm more incline to support
the Northern most site.
I'm very pleased that all of
the sites are in Southern Brooke
County.

(Please print the following information)

Name: Tim Ennis

Address: 2009 Pleasant Ave.
Wellsburg, WV 26070

Organization (if any):

WV House of Delegates

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*Alternative 7 looks to be the most feasible
of the three proposed sites. the least in cost; +
it appears the least problems with which to deal.*

(Please print the following information)

Name: *Emma Kay Weimer*
Address: *261 Main Low Lane*
Wellsburg WV

Organization (if any):

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*I would like to see the
northern alternative chosen.*

(Please print the following information)

Name: *Michelle Ozickowski*
Address: *202 W 21st*
Wellsburg WV 26062

Organization (if any):

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Please consider the following comments:

I REMEMBER THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE WHEN IT WAS JUST
MOUNDSVILLE. IT HAD A BRIDGE NOW, AND WHAT A DIFFERENCE
IT IS TODAY. ONE END OF THE BRIDGE GOES INTO MOUNDSVILLE
& THE OTHER INTO Rte 7. I FEEL WELLSBURG HAS THE
SAME OPPORTUNITY IF THE PROPOSED BRIDGE (ALTERNATIVE 4B)
WERE TO HAPPEN. I LOOK AT THE MARKET ST BRIDGE - ONE
END OF THE BRIDGE GOES INTO A HILLSIDE & THE OTHER END
INTO A CITY. GUESS WHAT, THE CITY MAKES OUT -
YOU HAVE GROWTH & MORE OPPORTUNITY FOR GROWTH - WE WOULD
HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO GROW - EVEN THOUGH I HEARD THAT THE
NEXT 30 YRS - THERE IS NO GROWTH FOR OUR AREA -

(Please print the following information)

Name: DAVE ELLIOTT

Address: 320 Brinker Rd.
Wellsburg, W.VA.

Organization (if any):

IF YOU KEEP BUILDING INTO THE HILLSIDE
THERE WILL NOT BE ANY CHANCE FOR GROWTH
IN OUR AREA.

E Mr. David Elliott
220 Brinker Rd.
Wellsburg, WV 26070-1213

THANK YOU
DAVE ELLIOTT
RETIRED; WELLSBURG
STEEL
19W 35 YRS
(RAIL - CAR SHOP)

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Please consider the following comments:

BY PUTTING THE BRIDGE #2
WOULD SAVE ME AN AVERAGE OF 1-200
MILES A MONTH ON TRAVELING TO OHIO & BACK
WV NEED THIS CROSSING TO HELP GET MORE
BUSINESS IN THIS AREA, & HELP PEOPLE
TO GET TO OUR BUSINESS IN WELLSBURG.
POLYMER HAS 2 BRIDGES & THEY DO NOT
NEED ANOTHER ONE UP THERE

THANKS

(Please print the following information)

Name: ED ZATTA

Address: 2401 CHARLES

WELLSBURG, WV 26070

Organization (if any):

WELLSBURG AUTO SALES & SALVAGE



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Please consider the following comments:

*In my opinion I choose Alternative 4A.
If you build other choices to the south, it will
make drivers go north to the other bridges. This will
defeat the purpose to have one of the Veterans bridge.*

*It is important to spend on the studies before
Senator Byrd leaves office, to get funding*

I am 85 years old I will not see this bridge.

Thank you

Good Luck!

(Please print the following information)

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*To whom it may concern:
I heard they are going to put up a
bridge. I would like the bridge
to go between Weirton & Stouffville where
there is a lot of traffic. put the
bridge in Hancock County
and as a registered voter and tax
payer, I would like to voice my
opinion. Thank you.*

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I think the best location is
Buffalo Creek.
The over 10 million dollars being
spent on the Market Street bridge
should be spent on the new bridge.
I doubt that I will see the bridge
in my lifetime, but it better be started before
Senator Bryd leaves office or we may
never see it

(Please print the following information)

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it seems that no one is considering the alternative of
a bridge in the Hancock County area. This would open up the former
Mittal Steel property that will eventually be developed to the Torontel
Wellsville etc. area. The development potential should outweigh
the convenience factor that seems to be driving the Brooke High
School bridge project.

(Please print the following information)

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Organization (if any): N/A

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*IT WOULD BENEFIT THE CITY OF
WELLSBURG VERY MUCH TO HAVE A BRIDGE
IN THESE AREAS. MANY TIMES RT. 2 SOUTH
OF WELLSBURG WAS CLOSED DUE TO HILLSIDE
SLIPPAGE. THE 4A APPROACH WOULD BE THE
BEST DUE TO THE LOCATION. IF THERE
WAS A PROBLEM WITH ROCKS FALLING THE
SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC WOULD STILL BE ABLE
TO CROSS THE BRIDGE. THE OTHER APPROACHES
YOU WOULD STILL HAVE THE POSSIBILITY OF
THE HILLSIDE COMING IN NORTH OF THE APPROACHES
WHICH WOULD LEAVE BRIDGE UNAVAILABLE.*

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*To put the bridge anywhere except where
the highways are would be a major blunder. With the
proposed new highway to link 22 to Columbus and
just the plain simple facts. The bridge should
be on Rt 22 - from Steubenville to Weirton.*

*You have to have a direct connect to insure
future growth. Please use simple common
sense and keep the politics out of this
decision.*

(Please print the following information)

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SOUTHERN MOST - #2 WILL NOT TAKE 3 BUSINESS
LOCATIONS - DO NOT NEED TO LOSE BUSINESSES - AS
PURPOSE OF BRIDGE IS TO ENCOURAGE NEW BUSINESS.
WILL NOT IMPACT ON PROPERTY OWNERS - CHILDREN'S
NEEDS - MORE EXPENSIVE (2ND IN EXPENSE) - WORKED
ON BRIDGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SINCE 1993 - THIS
LOCATION - "FROM EXPERIENCE" IS THE BEST
FOR EVERYONE CONCERNED!!!!

THANKS!

HELEN MAYLE

(Please print the following information)

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BRIDGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SINCE 1993

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Please consider the following comments:

WELLSBURG TO US 22 TO PITTSBURGH WILL BE THE GROWTH FOR THE FUTURE,
WE MUST MAKE IT ACCESSIBLE TO BUSINESS. STEUBENVILLE HAS A
UNIVERSITY AND 3 HOSPITALS. WELLSBURG HAS A HOSPITAL AND
MAIN ACCESS THRU US 22 TO PITTSBURGH AND A SHORT DISTANCE TO
THE AIRPORT. IF SOMETHING WERE TO HAPPEN TO THE VETERANS BRIDGE
THERE WOULD BE NO EASY ACCESS TO STEUBENVILLE OR WHEELING. THE MARKET
STREET BRIDGE IS TOO OLD TO HOLD MANY MORE TRUCKS. FOR THE REASONS
THE NEW BRIDGE SHOULD BE LOCATED WHERE THE MARKET STREET
BRIDGE IS POSITIONED. THIS BRIDGE SHOULD BE TOWNSHIP
FOR SAFETY REASONS. THANKS FOR YOUR TIME.

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Please Read my Letter

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Last February 2009 I started Reading that Brooke County was holding meetings with

the State Highway Division in Brooke County and they meeting in Brooke County. all meetings in Brooke County all the time. Meeting about where to put the new bridge and it seemed on me that Brooke County was trying to steal the new bridge from Hancock County. So I wrote a letter to all Marion City - Brooke County State elected

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officials and told them we need to get this bridge between Weirton, WVA and Steubenville, Ohio. Our elected officials didn't do anything for the voters, the top people and the voters - why? It seems to me the people of Brooke County officials told them to stay quiet and don't say anything. We like Brooke County stealing the new bridge from Hancock County. Brooke County is voting

For things at meetings with computer votes and one vote they got 10,000 votes. We want the bridge between Weirton, WVA and Steubenville, Ohio. also we want Brooke County and Hancock County to vote as to where to put the new bridge - the vote will be done by telephone or in writing and give your name, address and phone number so you can check the voters vote. also we want a second opinion on the Market St Bridge by the engineers who shut down the Fort Steuben Bridge. The City of Weirton is trying to get new business factories and stores and a new bridge so they can drive over it. Everything is sent by truck today - Steubenville, Ohio + Weirton, WVA

are like twin cities and half the people in Weirton go to Steubenville, Ohio every day and people from Steubenville come to Weirton every day. Steubenville probably has 8,000 people - Weirton has 10,000 people - Weirton City has 20,000 people by itself. The area of Weirton, Steubenville Ohio and Hancock County Jefferson County together has 100,000 total people

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Weirton has 3 big hotels - has a big hospital - also West Virginia's NORTHERN College + etc. Steubenville has 2 large hospitals - large hotels - has a large college university - a lot of doctors live in Weirton, WVA but the all have their offices in Steubenville, Ohio. My father-in-law's wife was named at a small doctors hospital in Steubenville Ohio + etc. Thank you + God Bless

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Please Read my Letter I sent to all our Elected officials in Hancock County and Brooke Co. Thank you.

Why our elected officials won't step up and Represent the People.

I may write Mr. Bailey and the Governor a letter later - I call the Market St Bridge the Veterans Bridge

Don't Paint the Market St Bridge cause it will cover up the Rust on the Bridge. Save the money and tear the Bridge Down. It is 106 years old.

The Veterans Bridge is 17 years old and 5 years ago the state put a very large wire on the bridge and this past year they done a lot of work on this bridge - I think they replaced the cement wall on the bridge

I call this Bridge the Lemon Bridge. We need the new bridge between Weirton, WVA and Steubenville, Ohio

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City of Winton, Mayor

TO ALL ELECTED STATE AND COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS - OPEN LETTER CONCERNING A NEW BRIDGE - OVER THE OHIO RIVER. This letter was sent to all Brock Co. & Hancock County Commissioners - But none to Green County Commissioners.

Dear Sirs:

I was very surprised none of the officials have said the new bridge should be built between Winton and Steubenville, Ohio and replace the old ~~100~~ year old Market Street Bridge. This bridge needs torn down right away.

I think it has been 10 years since trucks drove across it. Only cars can drive over it - I haven't driven it for over a year. 10 years ago I was listening to a Steubenville radio station and a man called into the radio station and said he had a dream that the Market Street Bridge broke & fell into the River and cars were going into the River. I remember that and I don't use the Market Street Bridge anymore.

I hear them talk and see in the Paper they are going to spend millions & millions of dollars to try to Repair it. After this many years how can you tell how much Rust is on the Bridge - Or how deep the Rust is. In my opinion it would be best to close the Bridge so no one gets hurt and save the money and put it on a new Bridge and build it in the ^(31W) same place it is now. Make a new Market Street Bridge. In my opinion this is what we need.

It scares me and probably everyone in Winton and Steubenville was to say you might build the

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new Bridge in Wellsburg, W. VA. - In my opinion and every one else's opinion it is a very bad idea.

Someone told me the new Bridge would be built at the Racetrack and gambling Resort because some state elected Representatives work at the Resort. I don't think this is true.

People who gamble know where the gambling Resort is they don't need a new Bridge to get there.

At the Present time the called Veterans Bridge is 17 years old. At the Present time one lane is closed they are working Repairing this Bridge. If memory serves me right the state made Repairs on this Bridge 5 years ago they had to put a new very large Cable on this Bridge. It probably many others are worried what kind of Bridge do we have with so much Repair done on it so far. I drove over the Veterans Bridge last week. It looks to me like they are removing some of the cement from the outside cement wall that keeps the cars from going off the Bridge - maybe they are replacing some of the cement in this wall.

I think the taxpayers and voters should be told what kind of work is being done to the Bridge - When they close the Market Street Bridge down there will be 1 Bridge between Winton and Steubenville, Ohio. If a ^{RIVER} barge gets away and hits this Bridge everyone in Winton that want to go to Steubenville, Ohio will have to drive to Chester, W. VA and coming back will have to drive to Chester, W. VA to get home. and if

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you live in Steubenville, Ohio and you want to come to Weirton W. Va. you would have to drive to Chester, W. Va. to come to Weirton, W. Va. this would be a terrible mess for people who live in Weirton W. Va. and Steubenville, Ohio.

It would be a good time to build a modern Ferry Boat for people to go back and forth to Steubenville and Weirton. I hope this never happens and that they did a good job when they built the Veterans Bridge.

When the talk started about the new bridge I thought the City of Steubenville, Ohio and the City of Weirton would fight and make sure that if they built a new bridge it would go between the 2 towns & populated cities as Weirton now has 19,000 people and Steubenville and Weirton^{ville} and the area probably 46,000 and people are more - Where the little City of Wellburg probably has around 10,000 12,000 people. And if the bridge was built in Wellburg on side of the bridge would be in small city of Wellburg and come out on the other side of the River along Route # 7. ^{NOTHING THERE}

At the present time a lot of people from Weirton go to Steubenville for a lot of reasons - To go to the Steubenville Mall - To go to the ^{UNIVERSITY} College to go to the stores and shops and you have to go over the River if you go to Columbus, Ohio or Cleveland this and many more reasons. And the people in Steubenville Ohio come to Weirton W. Va. to go to Pittsburgh Pa. and Robinson Township to the ^{MALL} to go to work at the Robinson Mall & take the Steel and have a lot of reasons. There are the largest City from Chester, W. Va. to Wheeling W. Va. ^{OVER} Page 4

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This and a lot of other reasons why the NEW BRIDGE should go over the River between Weirton W. Va. and Steubenville, Ohio.

Our President in Washington, D. C. Obama wants to give states money in his stimulus help the States Package money to build new Bridges and Roads and put people to work. This opportunity probably comes to little cities every 25 or 30 years so I hope our governor and elected state, County and City officials put this new bridge between Weirton, W. Va. and Steubenville, Ohio.

Also I understand the City of ^{W. Va.} Weirton, W. Va. has purchased many, many, many acres of land at the rear of the old G.O. office at the end of 3 springs Drive with the hope of getting new business and industry to come and build in Weirton, W. Va. They have had this large land base for several years. And a new bridge here would help Weirton W. Va. get new businesses and factories and get us more good jobs in our City.

I hope our Governor, our State and County and City elected get this message.

I work for 20 years and was paid by the taxpayers money and I was a servant of the people because they paid my wages - I did all I could to help the taxpayers and I think that what elected officials should do. ^{BAW}

Thank you all for your help and understanding - God Bless you.

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