

Indian River Inlet Bridge Replacement

Public Information Workshop #2

Wednesday, April 23, 2003

COMMENTS

1. Regarding the replacement bridge and information presented:

a. What do you like?

- The arch is the best design!
- Either Style 1 or 8 would be fine.
- Option 8 with up/lighting
- I prefer design (cable) #1. I would like to see more than subtle lighting and sidewalk should be lighted. I believe there should be vehicle access under the bridge, with four-way intersections on either end of the bridge.
- Option 8 – with limited lighting.
- Option 8.
- I like options 1, 8, 7, 6 or 4.
- I like the fact that you are taking the time to study all aspects of design, environment, cost, and public input. I like the cottages and design around the marina. Looks very nice as presented with landscaping & grass.
- I like that the cable bridge will eliminate constant bridge replacements. Pedestrian / bike path.
- Information was thorough. Thanks. Preserving the view of utmost importance; particularly from the car. Height & design of railings important, environment impact also extremely important, glad to hear entire project (including parks) remain DelDOT (not private), agree with Charette 1 choices.
- If anything I like the simple version like the New St. Georges Bridge.
- Prefer Option 7 Design, also the use of lighting to accent the bridge architecture is necessary, the design should provide for as much visual access of the surrounding scenery as possible.
- Option 4 or 7.
- I like Option 8.
- Very informative – will last for years – good design – nice ideas for park
- Option #1 seems to be the most desirable – esthetically / functionally I do compliment this group for the work they have done.
- Very good presentation (Amazing!) – Both Option 1 & 8 are beautiful, however, Option 8 “looks” more substantial and less likely to be affected by the most severe weather possible.
- Very good presentation. We like the results of the voting on the features, so far.

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2. Regarding the replacement bridge and information presented:

b. What do you dislike?

- Options including traffic signals on Rt. 1
- All of the other options – don't put too much light on the wires – walkway lighting would be sufficient.
- Need reasonable access for vehicles to get from east side to west side of the bridge. No Traffic Lights Please!
- I do not like Options 2 or 3 or 5.
- Access roads impacting the beach (west side).
- Extremely disliked round design on top of pylon; Charette 1 did not choose it.
- I don't think it will last through hurricanes and storms. I think the Peninsula Rock like the stuff the Lewes Break Waters are made of, placed in both ends and a simple arch design.
- Prefer to not have traffic signals.
- Zip – all good – appreciated.
- I dislike any lighting of the bridge structure – the handicap access a long, long, long ramp is no good. It is very hard to push someone up that far. Handicap parking should be at edge of bridge.
- You will disturb wildlife.
- Concerned about the votes for NO lighting.

3. What do you feel is the single most important aspect for us to consider as we design this replacement bridge:

- Getting from one side to the other.
- A safe durable structure
- Environment – People who now use the area (campers – boater – fishing – swim – surf). Need to be concerned about people walking & biking along road with people driving 60 – 65 mph.
- The lighting should be subtle
- Simplicity, ease of design & looks, Number 8 is very pleasing to the eye & looks very natural.
- That it fit in with the natural aspect of the area.
- Environmental impact (including natural night views)
- I think it should be designed to last a long time and also provide areas for expansion, but the main thing is to be stable during the worst storms.
- Long term functionality – ie. Height (clearance needs) pier placement to allow possible future channel widening.
- Safety – Traffic flow!
- That summer traffic keeps moving.

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4. Do you have any suggestions on how to incorporate the selected themes, Harmony in Nature and Celestial navigation, into the design?

- Really no Theme is necessary – It's a Bridge!
- Do Not Need A Theme – Just a classic style – should not be a navigational beacon which would require special lighting – low lighting – no colors.
- Add as much landscaping & natural plants to the design – also, it would be great if some more open space was allowed around the bridge for plants, grasses, dunes, etc. Incorporate some natural learning capabilities into the area. Nature center, etc. – could the design incorporate a nautical theme such as in the single pylon-have the design look like a lighthouse (this could also be used for nautical navigation) or one of the concrete sub towers that dot the coastline.
- Simply! Shapes & colors suggestive of the sea and sand dunes.
- Like subtle themes along railings.
- (Expletive) with the themes. Plan on crossing the bridge during a hurricane or are you just going to put a sign out there and saying Nature is not cooperating with the bridge today?
- The designs – 4 & 7 work best!

5. Do you have any comments/suggestions regarding the park access options presented?

- Do not allow traffic signals on Rt. 1
- Option 2 U road.
- Make turn-ins safe for vehicular traffic as well as pedestrian / cyclists.
- Looks good as presented.
- I don't like the options that include a traffic light. The tunnel idea seems very clean solution, but is it environmentally sound?
- Access roads should not be along ocean north side due to already current flooding & drifting sand in that area.
- I didn't hear the presentation but I don't know why the people charge money to go to the beach after 5:00. All my life I've lived in this area and one of the nicest things was to go look at the ocean after work.
- Love it! – Great Asset!

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6. Have you found the presentation of information at this workshop (Effective, Neutral, Ineffective)?

- Effective
- Ineffective
- Effective

7. Do you have any suggestions to make these public workshops or other public outreach activities for this project more beneficial to you and / or your neighbors?

- You really don't have any way of knowing what the community likes or dislikes – would prefer a public meeting / presentation to air concerns & ideas.
- Hours are excellent.
- Presentation (ie. the slide presentation given) could be given at a town council meeting. Some people were dissuaded from attending because the media's 4-8 p.m. time slot was so long & they thought would be locked into a very long meeting.
- No – Good Job.
- More advertising for these events and coffee.

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1. Regarding the replacement bridge and information presented:

a. What do you like?

- I like the 8th Option.
- The pedestrian & bicycle lanes will be a great service to the public - I would like to see the bridge well lighted - I prefer the concrete arch bridge - Hopefully the concrete will be colorized.
- The Arch with the least amount of lights - keep lights on inside of bridge.
- Option 1
- The presentation was very informative - giving all aspects of where we need to go and why - I really liked Option 1 - bringing the open feeling of the Delaware Canal straight thru the state to "lower slower" Delaware.
- Option 1 is preferable to Option 8.
- Option 1 - & necklace lighting.
- At least 40 Ft. clearance - better, 45'. Prefer Option #1
- I like the simplistic approach, subdued lighting.
- I like Option #1
- The tunnel approach for moving under the bridge would leave terrorist activity hidden, while an open turn around, or stop sign / light would alert police to anyone trying to park a vehicle near the bridge. This would really be important in the winter when it is desolate.
- Most everything shown is very well done and I agree with the selections made in the first design meetings. An Excellent presentation.
- Great presentation - very informative - I'd like to see the pedestrian / bike path made more accessible to through bike traffic rather than strictly aimed at the parks & beach users.
- #1 Bridge is my choice. Information was presented directly and to the point. I would have liked to asked questions during it, but this would have extended the time of the presentation.
- C & D Canal Bridge.
- I most prefer Option 1. It looks like sails, so appropriate for Indian River Bay.
- I like the aesthetics of a cable-stayed bridge, such as the St. George's Bridge. Very attractive design. Also like provision for walking / biking lanes over the bridge.

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2. Regarding the replacement bridge and information presented:

b. What do you dislike?

- I do not like lights on the outside of bridge.
- I dislike the elimination of day parking under the bridge, and the traffic lights. Serious consideration needs to be given to loss of revenue to the state park due to loss of parking spaces and making traffic backups worse.
- Option #8.
- Would hope the access roads can be done with a minimum of traffic lights.
- No dislikes.
- The plan to keep "through" bike traffic on the shoulder vs. a true bike path creates an unsafe situation. We have a perfect opportunity to fix the situation - please help!

3. What do you feel is the single most important aspect for us to consider as we design this replacement bridge:

- That it is a reflection of the area.
- Safety & attractiveness
- Parking space
- Safety along with a pleasant non-obstructive bridge allowing, as was said before, a view of our beloved ocean!
- The lighting on the bridge must maximize safety for pedestrians, cyclists & motorists even at the expense of aesthetics.
- Safety; Vehicular & marine
- Keeping the theme in line with the area
- Complement the location
- Maintenance costs.
- Minimum disruption of traffic over existing bridge and roadway.

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4. Do you have any suggestions on how to incorporate the selected themes, Harmony in Nature and Celestial navigation, into the design?

- Do the railings have to be straight?
- I would like to see bike pedestrian paths extended from the southern tip of Delaware to Rehoboth - should be tied in with the nature of the area and architecture of the bridge.
- Navigation
- Incorporate the design into the bridge.
- Incorporate some of the wildlife in the area in railing designs, concrete impressions, etc. – but keep it simple. We have fox, rabbits, a wide variety of birds, fish, turtles, etc.
- Consider a beacon pointing to sea to ID the inlet in bad weather and at night. Also, high pressure sodium lighting for the bridge deck to assist driver visibility at night and bad weather.

5. Do you have any comments/suggestions regarding the park access options presented?

- Consider cantilevered overlook on the ocean side of the new bridge to provide access for wheelchairs, walkers, fishing, etc. Parking should utilize existing spaces and have paths (lighted) to walk to the overlooks.

6. Have you found the presentation of information at this workshop (Effective, Neutral, Ineffective)?

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- I would like a handout to show friends & neighbors. I would like to attend the second Charette.
- I would like to have known that there would be presentations - I would have come earlier - couldn't make the others.
- The most important aspect of the workshop is giving the feeling of ownership of the bridge.
- Please advise of next workshop for my possible attendance.
- You have done a great job. Publicize it more.