

E.3 Study Design Report





Memo

To: M. Delfino, J. Haddow From: Nevena Gazibara
MTO Northeastern Region Hamilton ON Office
File: 1650.01086 Date: October 19, 2018

Reference: Planning, Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment
Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge Study (GWP 5268-14-00)
Notice of the Study Design Report (SDR) Public Review Timing Strategy

Please find attached the final Notice of the Study Design Report (SDR) Public Review timing strategy for the above-mentioned project.

KEY STAGE	DATE
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Draft SDR to MTO	Monday, October 22, 2018
Final SDR to MTO	Friday, November 9, 2018
MTO Advertisement Approval	Thursday October 25, 2018
Notice to Queens Park	Wednesday, November 7, 2018
Notice to MP, MPP (on MTO Letterhead)	Friday, November 9, 2018
External Agency Mailing (Letter, Flyer)	Thursday, November 15, 2018
Businesses, Property Owners and Stakeholder Mailing (Flyer)	Thursday, November 15, 2018
Mailing to Indigenous groups (on MTO Letterhead)	Thursday, November 15, 2018
Canada Post Unaddressed admail	Wednesday, November 14, 2018
Project Website updated with SDR	Friday, November 23, 2018
SDR copies sent to locations	Thursday, November 15, 2018
Sudbury Star (in English)	Wednesday, November 21, 2018



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Manitoulin Expositor (in English)	Wednesday, November 21, 2018
Manitoulin West Recorder (in English)	Friday, November 23, 2018
Comments requested by:	Friday, December 21, 2018

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November 9, 2018
File: 165001086

Mr. Michael Mantha, MPP
Algoma- Manitoulin
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Elliot Lake ON P5A 2A1
By Fax: (705) 461-9720

Dear Mr. Mantha:

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The Notice of the SDR Review will appear in the *Manitoulin Expositor* on November 21, 2018, in the *Sudbury Star* on November 21, 2018 and in *Manitoulin West Recorder* on November 23, 2018.

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If you would like further information regarding the study, please contact either the undersigned or one of the project team members named in the enclosed information.

Sincerely,

Jane Haddow
MTO Senior Environmental Planner

c. M. Delfino– Ministry of Transportation
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200 – 835 Paramount Drive, Stoney Creek ON L8J 0B4

November 15, 2018

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LETTER TO EXTERNAL AGENCIES

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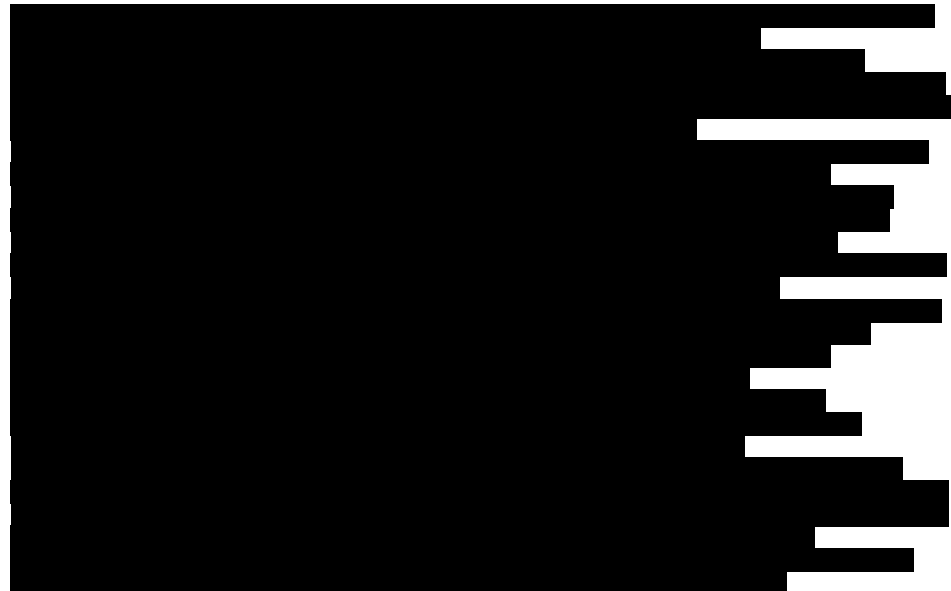
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From: Gazibara, Nevena
To: projectteam@swingbridgestudy.ca
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Subject: Little Current Swing Bridge Study (GWP 5268-14-00) Study Design Report Notification
Date: Friday, November 16, 2018 11:03:00 AM
Attachments: [1086_SDR_Public_Review.pdf](#)

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Customer Reference: 165001086

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P0P1A0	BIRCH ISLAND		Swing Bridge SDR	Upon receipt	1	148	No	Yes
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P0P1J0	KAGAWONG		Swing Bridge SDR	Upon receipt	1	228	No	Yes
P0P1K0	ALL		Swing Bridge SDR	Upon receipt	1	1,015	No	Yes
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P0P1Z0	SOUTH BAYMOUTH		Swing Bridge SDR	Upon receipt	1	52	No	Yes
P0P2B0	SPRING BAY		Swing Bridge SDR	Upon receipt	1	261	No	Yes
P0P2C0	TEHKUMMAH		Swing Bridge SDR	Upon receipt	1	292	No	Yes
P0P2H0	WHITEFISH FALLS		Swing Bridge SDR	Upon receipt	1	88	No	Yes
P0P2J0	WIKWEMIKONG		Swing Bridge SDR	Upon receipt	1	761	No	Yes

Abitibi-Price, a company that now exists as Resolute Forest Products.

Hudson Management did not respond to requests for comment by press time.

The original use of the property was for a massive wind turbine project. However, changes in government and reduced incentives for renewable resource technology made the project less viable than anticipated and the Hudson family decided to sell off the land.

Despite its hefty price tag, Mr Taylor says initial interest in the property has been promising.

"We have had verbal

expects the land will end up with a suitable buyer.

"I'm not surprised it attracts people from all over the world. It's that kind of place," says Mr. Taylor. "We invite all inquiries on it."

Further details on Vidal Bay Forest can be found through the Chestnut Park Real Estate Brokerage website at ChestnutPark.com, including a photo gallery and drone footage of the property. The property can also be found in the New York Times' real estate listing, for a cool \$18 million USD.

...reveals budget woes

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will ensure a new cell can be developed," says Mr. Hardy, adding the township will need to develop a new landfill cell sooner if it only focuses on paying "yesterday's bills."

"It has been seen as a 'free' service, with no consequences as a result of not compacting the garbage or managing the site. This was relayed by the roads superintendent (Adam Bowerman) at an earlier council meeting this fall."

Moving to its assets, the township added \$190,265 in furniture and equipment assets in 2017. The Expositor has requested clarification as to what would be included within that category. Salaries are also up by almost \$100,000 in 2017 compared to 2016, to \$491,584 from a value of \$394,429 in 2016. Mr. Hardy has not elaborated on the jump in cost.

Ultimately, Mr. Hardy says these issues will need to be addressed by the new council, which has its first meeting on December 4. He stresses that patience and co-operation from all Tehkummah citizens will be crucial to moving forward in a positive way.

"Discussions will start with the new council regarding the auditor's letter and other outstanding matters. These things are going to take time, resources and support from the residents over the next four years," says Mr. Hardy.

...consultation for bridge

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engineers Gregg Cooke, consultant project manager, at 905-381-3227 or Melissa Delfino, senior project engineer, 705-497-6807. Both engineers can also be reached through email, projectteam@swingbridgestudy.ca.

Near the end of the study, a transportation environmental study report will also be prepared for a 23-day public review.

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Gore Bay Union Public

15 Water Street, Gore B
Monday & Tuesday: 2:00
Thursday: 2:00 p.m. - 8:
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Provincial government's \$3.2 billion in cuts will hurt Algoma-Manitoulin families, says MPP Mantha

The Recorder
ELLIOT LAKE—In the Fall Economic Statement, Ontario Premier Doug Ford and his Conservatives have cut more than \$3.2 billion, including the transportation operating budget by \$305 million.

"Northerners are already affected by poor road maintenance, winter and summer. We can't afford more cuts when our highways are closed for days after floods or snowstorms," said NDP MPP Michael Mantha. "People in Northern Ontario rely on roads to get to medical appointments, to school or to work, and shouldn't have to worry for their safety."

Mr. Ford also announced that his government was abolishing the Children and Youth Advocate, the Environmental Commissioner and the French Language

Commissioner.

"It is a sad time for Ontario. When the government reduces the oversight over itself, nothing good can come out of it," said Mr. Mantha. "We need independent legislative officers to keep the government in check. The Conservatives are demonstrating that they have little interest in youth, Francophones or the environment, for that matter."

There are not many options for children and youth across Algoma-Manitoulin to access representation or assistance as our resources and services are much lower than that of families in urban centres, said Mr. Mantha. If a child were to experience homelessness, there are not many shelters throughout the riding that will have the funding or the space to assist them; especially if they are not with an

adult. "We also can't forget that since Indigenous children are overrepresented in the child welfare system, the loss of the Child Advocate will make it increasingly more difficult to navigate these systemic issues." "It is troubling to see Mr. Ford's Conservatives attacking every single environmental safeguard we had in Ontario, especially after seeing the massive forest fires from this summer or the rapid floods of this fall. Ontario will not be safe from climate change, but Ford's Conservatives refuse to act like leaders."

The Ford government is also cancelling the new French-language university, said Mr. Mantha. He said Algoma-Manitoulin is a very bilingual riding yet post-secondary students, who already have to leave the riding for their education, will continue to be

denied the opportunity to study in their first language at the university level. "As a Franco-Ontarian myself, representing many Francophone communities across Algoma-Manitoulin, I am very upset to see this government rolling back on decades of progress that our community has made to preserve our language and access services in French."

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2018

THE STAR A5

COMMUNITY LISTINGS

NOV. 21

ART: Join us at the main library, 74 Mackenzie St., to explore ways to express yourself through mess-making as a form of art for the non-creative person. Using a simple process you will be able to make a unique art-piece you will be happy to own and proud to display. Paint, brushes and the canvas are supplied. Wear something destructible and get ready to get messy. This workshop takes place Nov. 22 at 6:30 p.m. Please register at sudburylibraries.ca or contact your local library for more details.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR CRAFT & BAKE SALE: A Christmas bazaar craft & bake sale will be held noon-3 p.m. in the One Eleven Seniors lounge on the main floor, at St. Andrew's Place, 111 Larch St. Organizers are looking for bakers and crafters to donate their crafted goods and homemade goodies. Come and shop for gifts and show off your crafting and baking skills too. All proceeds benefit One Eleven Seniors. For more information, contact Susan Levesque at 705-675-5303, ext. 202.

THEATRE: The Addams Family features an original story and it's every father's nightmare. Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family — a man her parents have never met. And if that weren't upsetting enough, Wednesday confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he's never done before — keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday's 'normal' boyfriend and his parents. The Addams Family runs from Nov. 15-25 at the Sudbury Theatre Centre, 170 Shaughnessy St. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call Shawn at 705-524-7317 or email office@theatrecanbrian.ca.

FIBRE CRAFTS: A Fibre Crafts Drop In will be held 1:30 p.m. every Thursday starting Oct. 18 through to Dec. 6 at the Greater Sudbury Public Library's New Sudbury branch. Join it's every father's nightmare.

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STITCHING: A Sit and Stitch session will be held 1:30 p.m. Mondays starting Oct. 10 through to Dec. 19 at the Greater Sudbury Public Library's New Sudbury branch. This is an informal weekly sit and stitch circle. All skill levels welcomed. As it is a drop-in session, no registration is required.

MEDITATION: Join Devrathi for meditation classes designed for the beginner as well as the seasoned meditator. Enjoy a peaceful repose with a guided meditation to bring calmness and relaxation to the body, mind and spirit. Classes will be held 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays through to Dec. 12, at the Greater Sudbury Public Library's Valley East branch. Contact the author for more details.

MEET THE AUTHOR: Join author Sean Costello for a book talk and launch of his release *Terminal House* 6:30 p.m. Nov. 14 at the Greater Sudbury Public Library's main branch on Mackenzie Street and 6 p.m. Nov. 21 at the Valley East branch. Books will be available for purchase on site. Register online or contact either branch for more details.

THEATRE: With disarming humour, Souffler la veuilleuse (Getting to Room Temperature) tackles head on a difficult topic: medically assisted dying. This production from Ottawa's Théâtre de la Vieille 17 takes the audience along on the greatest journey: life itself. Nov. 21:24, at the Théâtre du Nouvel-Ontario. Souffler la veuilleuse is presented with English language Surtitles™ on Nov. 24 at 2 and 8 p.m. Post-show discussions with specialized speakers and guests will take place after every performance.

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DARTS: Fun Darts sessions will be held 7:30 p.m. Thursdays starting Sept. 13 through to Dec. 20 at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 76 in Minnow Lake. Registration starts at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.

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LC man faces charge of impaired driving

The Recorder

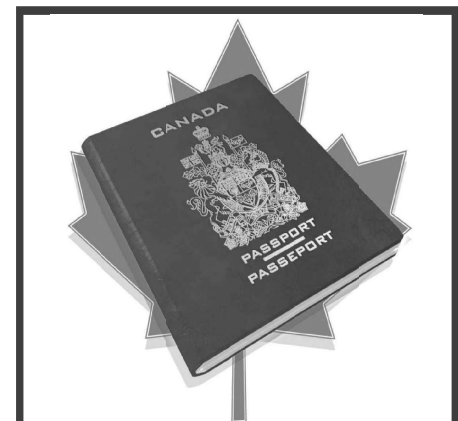
LITTLE CURRENT—On Saturday, November 17, at approximately 12:29 pm, officers from the Manitoulin-Espanola detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) received a 9-1-1 call from a concerned member of the public reporting a vehicle being operated erratically. Officers intercepted the suspect vehicle on Highway 540 in Aundeck Onni Kaning First Nation.

After speaking with the driver of the vehicle, officers determined that he had been consuming alcoholic beverages.

As a result of the investigation, a 35-year-old man from Little Current has been charged with: driving while ability impaired-alcohol, contrary to section 253(1)(a) of the Criminal Code (CC); and driving with more than 80 milligrams of alcohol in blood, contrary to section 253(1)(b) of the CC.

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Provincial Court of Justice in Gore Bay on December 12, 2018.

The OPP relies on the public to report crime, and impaired driving is a crime that should be treated no differently. If you suspect that someone is driving or about to drive impaired by alcohol and/or drugs, call 9-1-1 and report it.



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NOTICE OF STUDY DESIGN REPORT REVIEW PLANNING, PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge Study, GWP 5268-14-00

The Ontario **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** has retained **Stantec Consulting Ltd.** to undertake a Planning, Preliminary Design, and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study for the Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge located in the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands in Northeastern Ontario. The bridge provides year-round highway access between the community of Little Current and Manitoulin Island and mainland areas of Northern Ontario. The existing bridge is nearing the end of its service life. The purpose of this study is to identify a Recommended Plan that addresses current and future transportation needs at the bridge crossing.

THE PROCESS

This study is following the requirements of a "Group A" project under the *Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000), and includes opportunities for public input throughout, including at three PICs. A *Study Design Report* (SDR) has been prepared for review. Near the end of the study, a *Transportation Environmental Study Report* (TESR) will also be prepared for a 30-day public review with a notice of TESR Submission published in local newspapers.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

The *Study Design Report* (SDR) has been prepared and is available for a 30-day public review period from **November 22, 2018 to December 21, 2018**. The SDR documents the project Need and Justification, the study area, the alternative crossing types (Alternatives to the Undertaking), and the Class EA process including consultation. **The SDR will be available at the following locations and on the project website (www.swingbridgestudy.ca):**

Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands Municipal Building
14 Water Street East
Little Current, ON
Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Providence Bay Library
11 Mutchmor Street
Providence Bay, ON
Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Friday: 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

COMMENTS

Interested persons are encouraged to review the document and provide comments by **December 21, 2018**. You are encouraged to visit the project website, www.swingbridgestudy.ca for more information on the study, and to review notices or reports as they become available. You can also submit comments to the project team on the project website or by contacting:

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Gore Bay Union Public Library
15 Water Street, Gore Bay, ON
Monday & Tuesday: 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Thursday: 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands Public Library
50 Meredith Street West
Little Current, ON
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above. Comments and information are being collected to assist the MTO in meeting the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. All comments will be maintained on file for use during the study and, with the exception of personal information, may be included in study documentation and become part of the public record.



From: [Gazibara, Nevena](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: projectteam@swingbridgestudy.ca
Subject: RE: swingbridgestudy.ca contact form
Date: Friday, December 14, 2018 9:03:00 AM

Thank you for your email [REDACTED].
Your contact information has been added to the project mailing list and you will be notified of project updates and consultation opportunities as the study progresses, including upcoming Public Information Centres.
Kind regards,
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message:

Please add me to your mailing list. I am a resident of Little Current.

From: [Gazibara, Nevena](#)
To: [REDACTED]
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Subject: RE: swingbridgestudy.ca contact form
Date: Wednesday, January 9, 2019 4:30:00 PM

Thank you for your continued interest and support for the study [REDACTED].
Your concern in regard to omitting the local Member of Parliament (MP) on the study contact list has been noted by the project team. It is standard practice to omit MPs from contact lists for projects that do not involve federal lands or assets; thus, the local MP has not been contacted directly for this study. However, this does not prevent the MP from providing input on the study. Any public servants, and members of the public, are welcome to participate in the study by submitting their comments, questions, and concerns. In addition, the local Member of Provincial Parliament has been notified of the study and has been provided with opportunities to provide input and feedback at various consultation events and milestones of the project (Study Commencement, Public Information Centre 1, Study Design Report Review).
The project team has noted your concern in regard to the length and cost of the study due to considering several alternatives. A range of alternatives must be considered as part of the Class Environmental Assessment process. This process is defined in the *Class Environmental Assessment for Transportation Facilities*, prepared by the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario and approved under the *Environmental Assessment Act* of Ontario. Your reaffirmed support for a tunnel or two-lane fixed bridge alternative has been noted.
During the next phase of the study, an assessment will be completed to evaluate the Alternatives to the Undertaking and to select reasonable alternatives to carry forward for further study. This process allows unreasonable alternatives, or alternatives that do not address the problem and opportunity statements, to be eliminated from consideration in advance of the detailed development and evaluation of alternatives.
The criteria and weighting to be used during the Evaluation of Alternatives, and ultimately the selection of a Preferred Plan, have not yet been determined. The evaluation process is designed to select the most feasible alternative from a technical, economical, social, cultural, and natural environment perspective. Input received from external agencies, stakeholders, Indigenous communities, and the public will be considered when evaluating the alternatives. The cost to implement and maintain each alternative will also be considered during the evaluation process.
Thank you again for input. You will be updated on the status of the study as it progresses. A second Public Information Centre (PIC) is tentatively scheduled for summer of 2019. You will be notified of the second PIC when a date and venue have been confirmed.

Kind regards,
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message:

Hi from Manitowaning. I just completed reading the newly published Swingbridge Study Design Report and congratulate your team on the excellence of the work and in particular on its comprehensiveness.

The only obvious deficiency I detected was the omission of our Federal Member of Parliament in the contact list.

Although very supportive of the technical engineering approach adopted in this study, I caution that too much could bring the study to a standstill through cost and time requirements, so support the earliest elimination of inferior alternatives.

Also, I feel the suggested mathematical weighting model could end up in choosing the best "mediocre" solution rather than in truly arriving at the best solution. I know that this approach covers the team from criticism but ignores that the world's truly great achievements are generally the result of one brain. However, I'm sure that by the end of the day politics will play a major role in arriving at the eventual decision.

I'm on record as instinctively supporting a tunnel as first choice and a two-lane fixed bridge as a reasonable alternative but accept that your study should provide the rationale to prove or disprove this position.

One other thing I want to contribute is that "Do Nothing" is not a responsible alternative because it doesn't address that another option would then be required... when eventual failure of the existing and obsolete swingbridge does occur, there should be a fully developed action plan, including funding, to swiftly install a temporary bridge rather than begin all that work only after the emergency happens. That cost should be included in the alternative now as well as the high maintenance costs for the existing bridge.

But, to be fair, the maintenance costs for the alternatives should also be determined.

Keep up the great work!

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Thank you for your email [REDACTED].
We are sorry to hear that you were not able to access the Study Design Report (SDR) on the project website. The report is on the website (and will remain there for the duration of the study) and can be found at this link: http://swingbridgestudy.ca/public/uploads/docs/sdr_2018-11-08.pdf
In case you are still unable to access the SDR on the website or have some software compatibility issues, we have also saved the SDR on a temporary FTP site below for your viewing (simply click on the link below and input the provided username and password and open/download the PDF file):

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Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions.
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message:

Hello, I have learned about the 30 day SDR for the Manitoulin Swing Bridge which still seems to be promoted on your website but can't locate a corresponding link that is clickable. Being Dec. 13 maybe the 30 day window of review has expired? How do I access it? I would like to comment that this site is not at all easy to navigate.
This is what is available:

- Notice of Planning & Preliminary Design Study Commencement
- Consultation with regulatory agencies
- Public Information Centre 1

- Preparation of a Study Design Report (SDR) and Notice of SDR public review
 - Public Information Centre 2
 - Public Information Centre 3
 - Communication with Indigenous groups
 - Communication with property owners, residents, and businesses in the study area
 - Preparation of a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) and Notice of Study Completion and public review of the TESR
- Best regards,

From: [Gazibara, Nevena](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: projectteam@swingbridgestudy.ca
Subject: RE: Response to SDR
Date: Friday, January 11, 2019 3:12:00 PM

Thank you for your interest in the study and your comments [REDACTED]. Your preference for replacement of the existing structure with an identical but better swing bridge has been noted by the project team.

In regard to your questions about the Alternatives to the Undertaking and input received during the study, please note that all input received from the public, external agencies, stakeholders, Indigenous communities, and business owners will be considered during current and future phases of the study. This study will consider a variety of crossing alternatives, including 'do nothing', ferry, tunnel, moveable bridge, and fixed bridge alternatives. In addition, the project team reviews and determines the feasibility of any alternative solutions and/or improvements provided through consultation with the public.

During the next phase of the study, an assessment will be completed to evaluate the Alternatives to the Undertaking and to select reasonable alternatives to carry forward for further study. This process allows unreasonable alternatives, or alternatives that do not address the problem and opportunity statements, to be eliminated from consideration in advance of the detailed development and evaluation of alternatives.

As you noted in your email, the Project Team has previously been made aware of the news article that you provided, and the associated project undertaken in the United States. Following the assessment of the Alternatives to the Undertaking, as described above, the alternatives that are deemed to be reasonable in addressing the problem and opportunity statements will be carried forward for detailed development, and further evaluation. During this phase of the study, different designs will be developed for each of the alternatives that are being carried forward. This may include different types of moveable bridges (e.g., swing bridge, bascule bridge, etc.), should the moveable bridge Alternative to the Undertaking be deemed a reasonable alternative.

Further, your concern regarding the heritage value and the cultural and social appeal of the existing structure has been noted by the project team. The heritage components and heritage value, as well as the cultural and social aspects of the existing bridge will be considered throughout the project through the development and evaluation of alternatives. As you noted, MTO's Heritage Bridge Committee has deemed the existing structure a heritage property worthy of inclusion on the Ontario Heritage Bridge list. As such, this project will apply the Ontario Historic Bridge Guidelines protocol criteria for conservation/mitigation options when developing preliminary design alternatives and considering the overall goals and objectives for this roadway within the province's highway improvement program. A Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report will be completed as part of this study to review the existing bridge's heritage value and consider potential impacts of the preliminary design alternatives. The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport will also be consulted as part of this study, particularly with respect to the heritage designation of the bridge.

Your contact information has been added to the project mailing list and you will be updated on the status of the study as it progresses. A second Public Information Centre (PIC) is tentatively scheduled for summer of 2019. You will be notified of the second PIC when a date and venue have been confirmed.

Thank you again for your comments.

Kind regards,
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[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2018 2:06 PM
To: Gazibara, Nevena <Nevena.Gazibara@stantec.com>
Cc: projectteam@swingbridgestudy.ca
Subject: Response to DSR

Hello,

I reviewed the Study Design Report and have a few questions for clearer understanding. As a layperson, I didn't understand whether the project is considering other design alternatives also or just the ones outlined in "Alternatives to the Undertaking." Are these the only alternatives being considered for the "Preferred Plan?"

If you are looking at "all" alternatives that might come up in this phase, how would you compile them? In other words, if an idea comes to your attention that is worth exploring further, will you do that? I noticed 'Sympathetic Design Options' in the case of rehabilitation of the bridge in the report but am not clear on that process.

The idea that some people like is the one that was carried out to replace a swing bridge in the US with an identical but better one. Would such an idea (submitted to you earlier by [REDACTED]) be considered? It fits into the category of 'replacement' as an option.

<http://www.industrytap.com/largest-swing-bridge-in-the-usa-completely-dismantled-and-replaced-in-9-days/7952>

According to your DSR, the swing bridge in Little Current is "one of the last operating swing bridges in North America," and an Ontario Heritage site. We're keen to maintain those distinctions.

Thank you for your attention.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

On Fri, Nov 16, 2018 at 11:04 AM Gazibara, Nevena <Nevena.Gazibara@stantec.com> wrote:

Dear Sir/Madam,

Stantec Consulting Ltd. has been retained by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to undertake a Planning, Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study for the Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge located in the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands in Northeastern Ontario.

The purpose of this study is to identify a Recommended Plan that addresses current and future transportation needs at the bridge crossing. You are also encouraged to visit the project website at www.swingbridgestudy.ca for project information and updates.

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that a *Study Design Report* (SDR) has been prepared. The SDR documents the project Need and Justification, the study area, the alternative crossing types (Alternatives to the Undertaking), and the Class EA process including consultation. The SDR will be available for a 30 day public review period from November 22, 2018 to December 21, 2018. The SDR will be available on the project website (www.swingbridgestudy.ca), starting on November 22nd, as well as locations listed on the attached notice. Comments may be provided to the project team or on the website.

If you would like further information regarding the study, please contact either the undersigned or one of the project team members named in the enclosed information.

Kind regards,

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To: [REDACTED]
Cc: projectteam@swingbridgestudy.ca
Subject: RE: swingbridgestudy.ca contact form
Date: Monday, December 3, 2018 11:58:00 AM

Thank you for your email [REDACTED].
Your contact information has been added to the project mailing list and you will be notified of project updates and consultation opportunities as the study progresses, including any upcoming Public Information Centres.
Kind regards,

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From: contactform@swingbridgestudy.ca <contactform@swingbridgestudy.ca>
Sent: Thursday, November 29, 2018 7:11 PM
To: projectteam@swingbridgestudy.ca
Subject: swingbridgestudy.ca contact form
from: [REDACTED]
email: [REDACTED]

message:


Please add me to the project mailing list.
Thx

From: [Gazibara, Nevena](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: projectteam@swingbridgestudy.ca
Subject: RE: swingbridgestudy.ca contact form
Date: Wednesday, January 9, 2019 4:53:00 PM

Thank you for your interest in the study and your comments [REDACTED].
Your preference to keep the existing bridge has been noted by the project team. This study will consider a variety of crossing alternatives, including ‘do nothing/maintain existing’, ferry, tunnel, moveable bridge, and fixed bridge alternatives.

During the next phase of the study, an assessment will be completed to evaluate the Alternatives to the Undertaking and to select reasonable alternatives to carry forward for further study. This process allows unreasonable alternatives, or alternatives that do not address the problem and opportunity statements, to be eliminated from consideration in advance of the detailed development and evaluation of alternatives.
Your contact information has been added to the project mailing list and you will be updated on the status of the study as it progresses. A second Public Information Centre (PIC) is tentatively scheduled for summer of 2019. You will be notified of the second PIC when a date and venue have been confirmed.

Thank you again for your comments.
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Kind regards,
From: contactform@swingbridgestudy.ca <contactform@swingbridgestudy.ca>
Sent: Sunday, December 23, 2018 12:12 AM
To: projectteam@swingbridgestudy.ca
Subject: swingbridgestudy.ca contact form
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

message:

Keep the bridge

From: [Gazibara, Nevena](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: projectteam@swingbridgestudy.ca
Subject: RE: swingbridgestudy.ca contact form
Date: Thursday, November 22, 2018 9:34:00 AM

Thank you for your email [REDACTED].
Your contact information has been added to the project mailing list and you will be notified of project updates and consultation opportunities as the study progresses, including any upcoming Public Information Centres.
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Sent: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 5:43 PM
To: projectteam@swingbridgestudy.ca
Subject: swingbridgestudy.ca contact form
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

message:

Please add me to the mailing list

From: [Gazibara, Nevena](#)
To: [Zirger, Rosi \(MTCS\)](#)
Cc: [Barboza, Karla \(MTCS\)](#); [Cooke, Gregg](#); [Healy, Andrew \(MTO\)](#); melissa.delfino@ontario.ca
Subject: RE: MTCS Comments - Study Design Report for Hwy 6 Little Current Swing Bridge Study
Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2019 2:31:00 PM
Attachments: [image003.jpg](#)

Good afternoon Rosi,
It appears that that SDR Notification letter was lost by Canada Post and delivered erroneously six months later.

Your comments and edits to the SDR (submitted in December 2018) have been noted and the report has been revised according to your comments. Please find a copy of the final SDR on the FTP site below for your records along with a table at the front of the SDR which documents all the changes made to the report based on your comments.

Login Information

Browser link: <https://tmppsftp.stantec.com>
FTP Client Hostname: tmppsftp.stantec.com **Port:** 22 (can be used within an FTP client to view and transfer files and folders; e.g., FileZilla)
Login name: s0703122606
Password: 7858457
Disk Quota: 2GB
Expiry Date: 7/3/2019

The final and revised SDR will be made available for viewing at the second Public Information Centre (PIC), planned for July 2019 and will also be posted on the project website for the public.

Your agency will be invited to the upcoming PIC and corresponding agency session and an agency webinar planned for July 2019. Notifications for the upcoming PIC will be sent to you via email and mail at the beginning of July. Following your review of the alternatives presented at PIC 2, the project team will be available for a meeting or conference call with your agency to discuss the materials and the next stages in the study.

Thank you again for your input and interest in the study.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any other questions or would like additional information.

Kind regards,

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Sent: Monday, June 17, 2019 2:56 PM
To: Cooke, Gregg <gregg.cooke@stantec.com>; Gazibara, Nevena <Nevena.Gazibara@stantec.com>
Cc: Barboza, Karla (MTCS) <Karla.Barboza@ontario.ca>
Subject: RE: MTCS Comments - Study Design Report for Hwy 6 Little Current Swing Bridge Study

Good afternoon Nevana and Greg

We have recently received a Notice of Study Design Report Review which appears to be a duplication of letter received in November 2018. MTCS provided our comments on the SDR in December 2018. It’s a bit of a mystery as to why we are receiving this notice now. Any thoughts?

Meanwhile, could you please provide us with an update on the status of this project?

Thanks

Rosi

Rosi Zirger

A/Heritage Advisor

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From: Cooke, Gregg <gregg.cooke@stantec.com>

Sent: December 21, 2018 2:34 PM

To: Barboza, Karla (MTCS) <Karla.Barboza@ontario.ca>; ProjectTeam@swingbridgestudy.ca

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Subject: RE: MTCS Comments - Study Design Report for Hwy 6 Little Current Swing Bridge Study

[Thank you Karla, we confirm receipt of your letter and comments.](#)

[Happy Holidays!](#)

[Gregg](#)

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Subject: MTCS Comments - Study Design Report for Hwy 6 Little Current Swing Bridge Study

Hi Gregg,

Please find attached the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport’s comments on the Study Design Report.

Thanks for the opportunity to review and comment on this report.

Happy Holidays!

Karla

Karla Barboza MCIP, RPP, CAHP | (A) Team Lead, Heritage

Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport

Culture Division | Programs and Services Branch | Heritage Planning Unit

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From: Elkow, Jeff (MTCS)

Sent: November 5, 2018 3:57 PM

To: 'Gazibara, Nevena' <Nevena.Gazibara@stantec.com>

Cc: Barboza, Karla (MTCS) (Karla.Barboza@ontario.ca) <Karla.Barboza@ontario.ca>; Zirger, Rosi

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Subject: RE: 0009304 - Little Current Swing Bridge Study (GWP 5268-14-00)

Nevena,

Thank you for the email below and for the project team taking the time to discuss the Little Current Swing Bridge project with us at our September 21 conference call.

As you know, the Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties (under the Ontario Heritage Act) apply to all ministries, including the Ministry of Transportation, and prescribed public bodies.

Given the above and as noted in the conference call , we have the following observations and recommendations to help support fulfilment of MTO’s obligation under the Standards & Guidelines and Environmental Assessment Process:

- Understanding the Cultural Heritage Value of the Bridge Property: MTCS understands that the MTO Heritage Bridge Committee has identified and included the bridge on the Ontario Heritage Bridge List.

While the bridge has been included on the Ontario Heritage Bridge List, it has not yet been determined whether the bridge is a Provincial Heritage Property of Provincial Significance or a Provincial Heritage Property of Local Significance. This determination will be made through the application of Ontario Regulation 9/06 and 10/06 in the CHER. As noted in the conference call, MTCS recommends completion of the Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report as soon as possible in the study as the information will also assist in determine the preferred alternatives.

Please note that provincially-owned properties cannot be designated under the Ontario Heritage Act either by a municipalities or the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport and the term ‘designated’ should not be used for the bridge.

As the bridge primarily concerns evaluating options related to the bridge, these cannot be fully evaluated until the significance of the bridge has been determined, in addition to identifying what the specific Heritage Attributes of the bridge are and how the project options may impact these attributes.

- Impact Assessment: Provision F.4 of the Standards and Guidelines states that “all other alternative having been considered, consider removal or demolition as a last resort, subject to heritage impact assessment and public engagement. Use best efforts to mitigate loss of cultural heritage value”. While MTCS appreciates that a variety of project options were

highlighted during our conference call, in addition to previous PIC materials, we do recommend including the ‘Rehabilitation’ alternative. It should not be included in the current “Do Nothing” alternative.

- Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (Existing Conditions and Impact Assessment): We also understood that a CHAR is being complete which includes the larger study area. MTCS also recommends that this be completed after the CHER for the bridge but also as soon as possible, in order to inform the alternatives.
- Archaeology – We understand that Stantec will be undertaking a Stage 1 archaeological assessment. Please send us the Project Information Form Number so we can link our files. We also understood that the [Criteria for Evaluating Marine Archaeological Potential](#) would also be completed. Completing that checklist would assist in determining whether a marine archaeological assessment needs to be undertaken.

We would appreciate reviewing the draft material for the next Public Information Centre, therefore we could continue to support and clarify any requirements under the Standards & Guidelines. I hope this is of assistance. Please do not hesitate to contact Karla or myself, should you or the team have any questions.

Regards,

Jeff Elkow, MA, MCIP, RPP

Heritage Planner

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From: Gazibara, Nevena [<mailto:Nevena.Gazibara@stantec.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2018 11:23 AM

To: Elkow, Jeff (MTCS) <Jeff.Elkow@ontario.ca>; Barboza, Karla (MTCS) <Karla.Barboza@ontario.ca>; Zirger, Rosi (MTCS) <Rosi.Zirger@ontario.ca>

Cc: projectTeam@swingbridgestudy.ca

Subject: RE: 0009304 - Little Current Swing Bridge Study (GWP 5268-14-00)

Thank you for your interest in the study and your comments Mr. Elkow.

As discussed on our recent conference call, the purpose of this Planning and Preliminary Design Study is to identify a Recommended Plan that addresses the current and future transportation needs at the Little Current Swing Bridge, as part of the Ministry’s ongoing review of safety and operational needs for the provincial highway network. The existing bridge is nearing the end of its service life and will require extensive and ongoing maintenance or replacement. There are opportunities to improve traffic operations and access for all users; to reduce operating and maintenance costs; and to improve reliability of the crossing.

This study will consider all options including a ‘do nothing’ (maintain existing structure as-is and provide repairs/rehab as required) alternative, and various types of crossing alternatives such as ferry, tunnel and bridge alternatives. The study will identify a crossing that takes all users into consideration, including local residents and business owners, road users, recreational boaters, shipping, and tourists.

Your comments and information about past reports are appreciated. The heritage components and heritage value of the existing bridge will be considered throughout the project. We will also complete all heritage studies as per the *Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties*. MTO’s Heritage Bridge Committee has deemed the existing structure a heritage property worthy of inclusion on the Ontario Heritage Bridge list. As such, this project will apply the Ontario Historic Bridge Guidelines protocol criteria for conservation/mitigation options when developing preliminary design alternatives and considering the overall goals and objectives for this roadway within the province’s highway improvement program.

This study includes a Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment for the study area, as well as a Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report to identify potential Built Heritage sites and Cultural Landscapes within the

study area and a Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report for the Little Current Swing Bridge. Additional reporting will follow as appropriate. The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport will continue to be consulted as part of this study, particularly with respect to the heritage designation of the bridge.

Thank you again for your comments.

Kind regards,

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From: Elkow, Jeff (MTCS) <Jeff.Elkow@ontario.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2018 4:26 PM

To: Gazibara, Nevena <Nevena.Gazibara@stantec.com>

Cc: Zirger, Rosi (MTCS) <Rosi.Zirger@ontario.ca>; Barboza, Karla (MTCS)

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Subject: RE: 0009304 - Little Current Swing Bridge Study (GWP 5268-14-00)

Nevena,

Thank you for providing MTCS with the Notice of Public Information Centre 1 for the above referenced project. We have reviewed the PIC materials and would like to arrange a conference call next week to discuss our expectations from a cultural heritage perspective for the project, review our previous comments (attached) and next steps.

Please let me know what dates and times you may be available next week.

Thank you,

Jeff Elkow, M.A.

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To: [REDACTED]
Cc: projectteam@swingbridgestudy.ca
Subject: RE: swingbridgestudy.ca contact form
Date: Wednesday, January 9, 2019 4:46:00 PM

Thank you for your interest in the study and your comments [REDACTED].
Your preference for the two-lane fixed bridge alternative has been noted by the project team. This study will consider a variety of crossing alternatives, including ‘do nothing’, ferry, tunnel, moveable bridge, and fixed bridge alternatives.

During the next phase of the study, an assessment will be completed to evaluate the Alternatives to the Undertaking and to select reasonable alternatives to carry forward for further study. This process allows unreasonable alternatives, or alternatives that do not address the problem and opportunity statements, to be eliminated from consideration in advance of the detailed development and evaluation of alternatives.
Your contact information has been added to the project mailing list and you will be updated on the status of the study as it progresses. A second Public Information Centre (PIC) is tentatively scheduled for summer of 2019. You will be notified of the second PIC when a date and venue have been confirmed.

Thank you again for your comments.

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Sent: Friday, December 14, 2018 8:35 PM

To: projectteam@swingbridgestudy.ca

Subject: swingbridgestudy.ca contact form

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

message:

Hello,
From the 5 options available for the Little Current Bridge, I choose the 2 lane fixed bridge.
[REDACTED]

From: [Gazibara, Nevena](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: ProjectTeam@swingbridgestudy.ca
Subject: RE: bridge preference input
Date: Wednesday, January 9, 2019 4:49:00 PM

Thank you for your interest in the study and your comments [REDACTED].
Your preference for the fixed bridge alternative, and your opposition and concerns regarding the tunnel alternative have been noted by the project team.

During the next phase of the study, an assessment will be completed to evaluate the Alternatives to the Undertaking and to select reasonable alternatives to carry forward for further study. This process allows unreasonable alternatives, or alternatives that do not address the problem and opportunity statements, to be eliminated from consideration in advance of the detailed development and evaluation of alternatives.
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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 6:29 PM

To: ProjectTeam@swingbridgestudy.ca

Subject: bridge preference input

Hi. My preference is for the fixed, over-water option since claustrophobia makes being in tunnels very difficult, and I'd not want to be trying to choose between concentrating on driving or breathing while getting to and from Sudbury for appointments... [REDACTED]

Reiki...pure and simple
wellness for yourself and for your animal companions
[REDACTED]

From: [Gazibara, Nevena](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: projectteam@swingbridgestudy.ca
Subject: RE: swingbridgestudy.ca contact form
Date: Monday, December 3, 2018 11:58:00 AM

Thank you for your email.
Your contact information has been added to the project mailing list and you will be notified of project updates and consultation opportunities as the study progresses, including any upcoming Public Information Centres.
Kind regards,

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Thank you for your interest in the study and your comments [REDACTED]
Your preference for the two-lane moveable bridge alternative, and your concerns regarding the other alternatives have been noted by the project team.

During the next phase of the study, an assessment will be completed to evaluate the Alternatives to the Undertaking and to select reasonable alternatives to carry forward for further study. This process allows unreasonable alternatives, or alternatives that do not address the problem and opportunity statements, to be eliminated from consideration in advance of the detailed development and evaluation of alternatives.

Your contact information has been added to the project mailing list and you will be updated on the status of the study as it progresses. A second Public Information Centre (PIC) is tentatively scheduled for summer of 2019. You will be notified of the second PIC when a date and venue have been confirmed.

Thank you again for your comments.

Kind regards,

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In regards to the 5 options, it's obvious which one is the best. As listed on study sheet.
1 - do nothing - costs will only increase, if you do nothing about updating a 100 year old bridge that is part of a main Provincial highway we are wasting taxpayers money even studying it.
2- Ferry. We have one on the south side. They are great for scienic tours - but thats it. This isn't the 1800's!
3- tunnel. Too expensive

4-Movable bridge - This is it. The only cost effective option that will improve flow (2 lanes) & existing alignment can be maintained.
5- Fixed bridge - great low ongoing fixed costs - but initial price too high. new alignment will affect too many businesses and will also increase the total cost of project exponentially.

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