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Subject: Re: Additional comments and analysis on the East Periwinkle bridge project
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Dana (bcc City Council and interested residents),

I'm attaching correspondence on behalf of a few residents here (as noted in the letter). Other residents are bcc'd, including some with bridge building experience in major bridge projects and others involved in local industry associations with a point of view on win-win solutions.

You will likely be hearing from these residents in the coming days, all with similar concerns. As we have continued our grass roots awareness effort, we have been surprised by the positive response from those on both sides who would like to have a say and engage on the pros / cons of various designs. We have found that in some cases, those opposed have not understood the scope of the current plans nor have they understood what we changes we are requesting but are supportive in the end.

In my discussions and email correspondence with some of the Council, it was clear that their desire was to hear from the community on this and we are making progress (see attached correspondence from Councilwoman Smith). We are actively working to provide that input but need more time and some assistance from the City.

Given the short timeline you've laid out for a vote on the project at the City Council meeting on January 13th, 2026, we respectfully request a **90 day public comment period and would appreciate formal notification from the City to residents. We simply do not believe there has been sufficient communication on this important project and respectfully ask that we allow residents who are on their way back to the island to have a chance to better understand the plan and provide additional feedback.**

Our records request (via FOIA) from a couple of weeks ago has not yet been actioned leaving us no time for a peer review. I also requested separately, in a new FOIA request via City website, the grant application and award letter(s) so we can understand what deadlines we are dealing with. In my experience, grants are clearly worded with "complete by" language when applicable. I hope the facts in this matter will avoid any fear of "losing grants" that has been mentioned by a few people. We understand the importance of funding this project with whatever Federal and State assistance is available.

It was notable that this week there was a decision taken to delay the Rabbit Road stop sign project due to insufficient community input. We feel the scale of the E. Periwinkle bridge project makes community engagement all the more important now. We will live with this new bridge for the next 50+ years and are facing years of construction in the meantime.

Regards,

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