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Re: Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Bridge on S. Hanover St

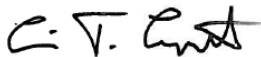
Director Pourciau:

We write to you today to express our grave concerns about the deteriorated condition of the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Bridge, which carries S. Hanover St / MD State Route 2 across the Middle Branch, and connects both of our council districts. We believe the bridge must be "re-decked" immediately, regardless of estimated cost or existing priority.

In 2017, there were 41 property damage claims made by citizens which implicated the condition of the bridge as causing damage to their vehicles. "Re-decking" is estimated to cost in the range of \$5 million, while a complete rebuilding of the bridge is estimated to cost between \$60 million and \$100 million. We know that a TIGER study on the feasibility of rebuilding the entire span is currently underway, but the bridge has become enough of a public safety hazard that we believe the City must take immediate action.

To this end, we would like to meet with you and your staff on February 26th at 4pm to discuss the City's options, existing and potential sources of funding, and an expeditious timeframe for this work. Should you have questions, please feel free to contact us directly at 410-396-4816 (CM Costello) or 410-396-4822 (CM Reisinger).

Sincerely,



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Honorable Brooke Lierman, State Delegate, 46th District
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