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Councilman T. Costello  
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Councilman Edward L. Reisinger  
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Dear Councilman Costello and Councilman Reisinger:

I am in receipt of your letter dated February 14, 2018 regarding the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Bridge on South Hanover Street.

Thank you for expressing your concerns. The Department of Transportation realizes the need to prioritize critical infrastructure investments and the Hanover Street Bridge is one of our top priorities since it is 100 years old and reaching the end of its useful life.

The major rehab or replacement that is needed will cost well in excess of 100 million dollars and will take 6 - 9 years. Therefore, we have created an interim plan that is being deployed immediately to extend the useful life and address the most needed items. Construction will begin this spring when temperatures allow us to proceed.

In the meantime, we will proactively monitor the bridge to assure that it remains safe for all, and will respond and perform repairs as needed.

I look forward to our meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup> at 4pm to discuss in greater detail and address any additional concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Michelle Pourciau'.

Michelle Pourciau  
Director