

Survey Responses
Town of Skowhegan
Second Bridge Feasibility Study Survey
October 16, 2019

Survey closed on October 15, 2019

This contains all responses as of October 15, 2019.

389 total responses

88.95% traffic congestion is the biggest problem

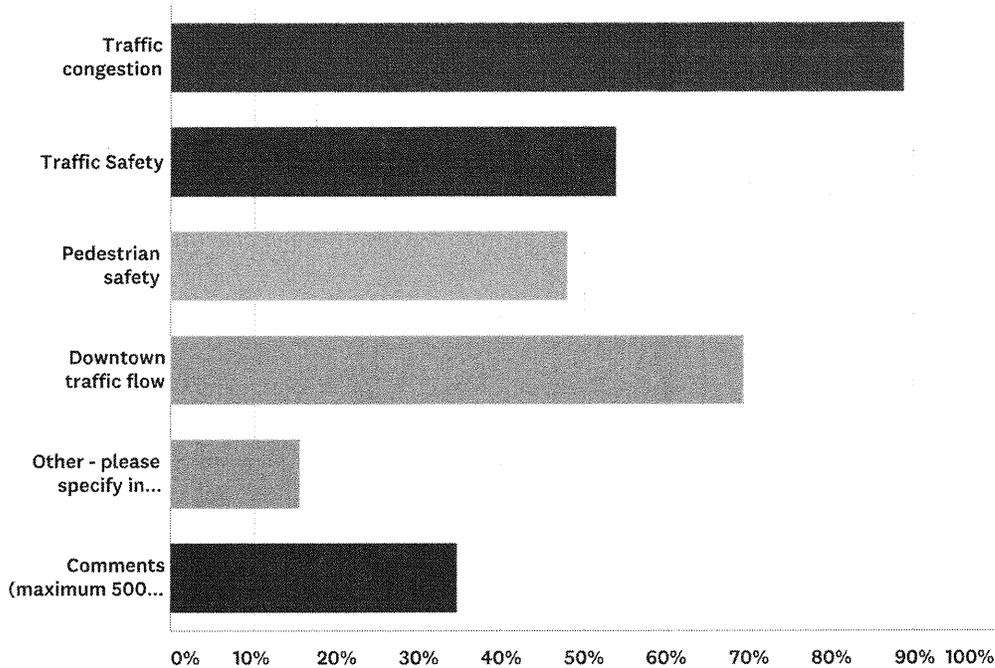
79.69% should add a second bridge

31.36% concerned about private lots/businesses impacted

84.58% less traffic congestion is the biggest advantage of a second
bridge

Q1 In your opinion, what are the problems with the current bridge in Skowhegan?

Answered: 389 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	Count
Traffic congestion	88.95%	346
Traffic Safety	53.98%	210
Pedestrian safety	48.07%	187
Downtown traffic flow	69.41%	270
Other - please specify in comments	15.68%	61
Comments (maximum 500 characters)	34.70%	135
Total Respondents: 389		

#	COMMENTS (MAXIMUM 500 CHARACTERS)	DATE
1	Traffic	10/16/2019 5:06 AM
2	Commercial traffic can be terrifying going through town and over the bridges or east on Rt. 2 Big Trucks	10/16/2019 5:00 AM
3	Not only is it very difficult to cross the bridges during the day, it is also dangerous crossing the bridges when a tractor trailer truck is coming at you. They take more than their lane to get around the curves at both bridges. My sister was in a bad car accident on the bridge and it was extremely difficult to get her safely out of her car and into an ambulance. I live of the south side of town and it is very stressful to get across the bridges to do banking and post office runs daily.	10/15/2019 9:43 AM
4	When there is an accident or disabled truck on the current bridges or the island, emergency vehicles can't get through along with normal traffic.	10/15/2019 9:38 AM

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5	Only at certain times of day - school gets out, late afternoon. I have timed myself there at the light at the end of the bridges and have only had to wait 5 minutes - this does not seem unreasonable at a busy time of day.	10/15/2019 9:17 AM
6	This goes under traffic safety but is a big concern of mine. When I am heading south on the north channel bridge, 18 wheelers coming in the opposite direction often times cross over the yellow lines and are up to 1/3 in my lane. Very scary and very dangerous.	10/15/2019 8:13 AM
7	Police, Fire Truck & Ambulance priority.	10/15/2019 6:39 AM
8	Put bridge east and south of town on Rt. 2 & 201 respectively.	10/15/2019 6:37 AM
9	emergency vehicle response is affected the way it is now.	10/15/2019 6:28 AM
10	TRAFFIC IS A NIGHTMARE TRY TO GO THRU TOWN	10/15/2019 6:22 AM
11	During rushhour periods Traffic Is congested to the point fire truck have a hard time get through.	10/15/2019 6:18 AM
12	The congestion and traffic flow problem has a negative economic impact on Skowhegan. I have spoken with many people who avoid going through Skowhegan for this reason. They detour to the west and east of town, bypassing Skowhegan altogether.	10/15/2019 6:17 AM
13	My husband and I live on the south side of the river. The south side has 3 lanes of traffic trying to get across the bridges by using just one lane. It is very congested especially during peak times and seasons. Sometimes traffic is backed up on the Waterville road up to Chamberlain Street. I is also very unsafe when rescue vehicles are trying to get through the lights and across the bridges. There is simply no place to pull over when all lanes are full. I am very dissatisfied with our traffic flow and downtown. We need another bridge! We don't need Hights trying to derail it. If someone wants to buy a car they will search them out. Plus I thought a feasibility study was already done once maybe twice!	10/14/2019 7:57 AM
14	The high volume of truck traffic poses a growing safety problem for traffic and pedestrian safety and continues to negatively impact both downtown and residential areas on and around Water Street and Madison / North Avenues. In addition, the congestion, noise, and dirt impacts people trying to stabilize and improve residential areas throughout in-town Skowhegan. This makes the area unpleasant to live in and diminishes property values. Without a traffic strategy that will remove truck traffic from in-town Skowhegan the residential areas will continue to deteriorate.	10/14/2019 7:08 AM
15	most of the time there is no problem except the time for the start of school about 8:00 am or 3:00 - 4:30 pm when businesses are getting off work. is there a more simple solution than a second bridge. This isn't New York city.	10/13/2019 12:50 PM
16	You take your life in your hands if you get out of your car on Water Street. Therefore I do not shop down there. The businesses downtown would get more business if there was another bridge so the big truck didn't have to go through the business district.	10/10/2019 11:34 AM
17	Peak traffic for short periods of time a couple times per day	10/10/2019 9:41 AM
18	If there is an accident on the bridge or the bridge is out for some reason, there is no reasonable way for traffic to get from one side of town to the other. This includes emergency service personnel.	10/9/2019 2:13 PM
19	None	10/9/2019 7:50 AM
20	There is just too much traffic in a small area, especially large truck traffic. Get the logging trucks out of the down town. The other thing that an issue is businesses want more people downtown but the roads are horrible and it seems as soon as one is fixed they dig it up and do a terrible patch job after. I often drive to Waterville to avoid crossing the bridge.	10/9/2019 3:45 AM
21	I have been hearing for years about the holdup of this project because it affects Walt Hight's pocket and he is just been making the project stalled. I haven't heard one person who hasn't wanted a new bridge in the past ten years. This would just help with the log trucks alone. But, if the police put a crunch on all the log trucks taking the Fairview Avenue route so that they don't have to hit the weigh station that would make an impact. If all the locals know about this issue and the police or traffic people don't do anything it is either laziness or sounds like someone doesn't want to stir the pot and piss off Sappi. But the issue is that the truckers are getting around what they have to do.	10/9/2019 3:45 AM
22	It is also a major concern if police, first responders, ambulances, firefighters, etc need to go one way or the other to respond to emergency situations.	10/8/2019 7:21 AM

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23	Safety. Anyone who has sat in traffic on the bridge in front of the dam can feel the bridge bounce up and down when heavy vehicles cross. I am not an engineer but I'm really sure that shouldn't happen...I have never been on another bridge where this has occurred.	10/7/2019 12:34 PM
24	From about 3:00 to 5:00 PM	10/7/2019 11:38 AM
25	Where is all the traffic going to connect to the second bridge if you don't have a bypass? NOT on residential streets I hope.	10/6/2019 10:38 AM
26	Skowhegan needs to keep traffic out of town that doesn't need to go through town	10/5/2019 9:26 AM
27	Big log trucks and other huge commercial vehicles do not belong downtown. Friday afternoon traffic-though likely mostly local folks-especially bad.	10/4/2019 9:05 AM
28	Summer Time - Afternoon - Friday Need I say more!!	10/3/2019 7:56 AM
29	All those log trucks would & should use the new bridge.	10/3/2019 7:47 AM
30	Overall this not a highly significant issue to me. Compared to driving I do in other communities I see this as a minor problem	10/3/2019 7:38 AM
31	It get clog on birdge	10/3/2019 7:36 AM
32	Downtown is a beautiful,historic, place. It's being wasted. You can't park, you can't drive, see pedestrians, and the rotary is confusing to tourists. It's a disaster. Reroute traffic like moonlight madness, block downtown off, call it the Riverside Mall. People don't shop, because they are terrified of the traffic. This isn't 1920 anymore.	10/3/2019 4:59 AM
33	When there are times of extreme traffic congestion, there are concerns for emergency services to be able to get from one side of town to the other (police, fire, EMS, etc).	10/3/2019 3:45 AM
34	Problems for emergency vehicles crossing over bridge when full of cars and trucks.	10/2/2019 12:43 PM
35	Where exactly would the new bridge be erected? Is this something that mostly benefits Sappi and the trucks going there?	10/2/2019 11:25 AM
36	We need a second bridge and if people or businesses are thinking the businesses are going to be impacted by not buying cars let think of the people that travel over the bridge every day and night in bumper to bumper traffic also it is hard for the emergency vehicles to get through and if we happen to have to have another flood what happens than back to Do We Need A Second Bridgeh	10/2/2019 6:33 AM
37	Only one way into town without going 10 miles to the next bridge. I feel it's a safety issue for police and the fire department.	9/30/2019 8:00 AM
38	There are no problems.	9/30/2019 4:04 AM
39	My opinion is there should be 2 additional bridges.... 1 in the area of Margret Chase Smith Library & 1 in the area of the Eddy or rest area east of town	9/28/2019 2:24 AM
40	It creates a center of town and heritage(Island) that is dismissed and ugly. Also true for downtown, though removing the huge highway signs was a big step forward	9/27/2019 5:07 PM
41	Hospital logistics! ; transport tankers hauling propane, gasoline... pretty volatile Through a major thoroughfare of somerset county ; flooding issues?	9/27/2019 10:53 AM
42	My household never shops downtown because it's unsafe as pedestrians walking downtown. Speed limits are never enforced. No alternative routes other than waiting in traffic.	9/26/2019 6:50 PM
43	Your survey is biased as it presumes there is a problem with the bridges. Having spent time living in other parts of the country, I find it funny that people in Skowhegan think there is a lot of traffic. The only two problems with the current bridge are how unattractive it has always been, and how run-down it has now become. With its silver contemporary railings, it was never the right choice for a historic community. The only growing, thriving reliable industry left in Maine is the Tourism industry, and Skowhegans only hope is to market itself as the gateway to the north woods. If the town doesn't maintain its historic appearance, people will not stop here. Norridgewock built the kind of bridge Skowhegan deserves, but it should be built right where the current bridges are.	9/26/2019 6:19 PM
44	Traffic is only bad at certain times of day and year. Traffic is a lot worse in other towns/states. Do a little traveling.	9/26/2019 9:26 AM
45	Congestion at the bridge is most evident when the SAD 54 High School students leave for the day. If nearby New Balnce factory changes shifts there is a short backup on the bridge.	9/26/2019 9:18 AM
46	It is good just the way it is. Just widen the area where the light is for larger vehicles.	9/25/2019 3:08 PM

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47	we need to look for the future and the reconstruction of the town to bring a more friendly down town and a safer town big trucks in town with heavy load makes the roads bad to travel on the bridges are not wide enough for 53 foot trailers	9/25/2019 2:40 PM
48	With the congestion on the bridge at times it makes it difficult for emergency vehicles to get thru.	9/25/2019 2:26 PM
49	too congested to shop in downtown!!!!	9/25/2019 1:49 PM
50	Emergency response. The Skowhegan Fire Department could easily be delayed in responding to an emergency due to the amount of traffic on the bridge.	9/25/2019 12:52 PM
51	School District releases all students@ 2:15, with a large amount of them being delivered by parents,and New Balance Shoe employees not sure what a bridge would accomplish, other than less revenue for the town and debt.	9/25/2019 7:55 AM
52	emergency response times	9/24/2019 4:38 PM
53	I get stuck in traffic all the way up to the hospital a minimum of two days a week trying to get home from work. When I finally get to the intersection drivers are frantic to get through. Red lights are run all the time. Turning traffic does not yield to oncoming traffic. A pedestrian is taking their life in their hands to cross. It is very frustrating. Coming down Rte. 201 is no better, I have experienced backups up to the drive-in. We need an additional bridge!!!!	9/24/2019 10:40 AM
54	the structural integrity of the existing bridges. Renovations are currently in progress, but I am concerned about failure down the line.	9/24/2019 10:16 AM
55	The bridge doesn't appear to be the heart of the congestion problem. To me, from my perspective, the congestion is primarily a result of inadequate traffic flow at the intersection of routes 201, 104 and 2 on the south side of the bridge.	9/24/2019 9:58 AM
56	I think you have to separate car and truck traffic.	9/24/2019 7:15 AM
57	How many times will money be wasted on trying to get a second bridge that most people don't want? This has gone on for years, with the State spending money on surveys, people to give out flyers, feasibility studies, etc. etc. This is clever, since you list the "concerns" that you obviously want to report, but you conveniently don't list NO CONCERNS as an option. Nothing like a biased survey to get what you want.	9/23/2019 4:37 AM
58	I feel that the emergence response time is slowed down for emergency responders due to the traffic congestion. The safety of the residence are at risk.	9/22/2019 4:35 PM
59	If an ambulance, fire truck or police car have to get over the bridge during heavy traffic it is impossible for everyone to move to let them through, thereby delaying possibly life-saving help.	9/22/2019 3:44 PM
60	Only one way to cross the river in a main travel route for townspeople and tourists. Horrible experience when it is blocked, either by man made or natural causes.	9/22/2019 8:55 AM
61	None	9/21/2019 1:39 PM
62	Faster EMS response times. If accident on one bridge that needs traffic rerouted it can be done with little disruption to traffic flow.	9/21/2019 11:55 AM
63	Have lived here for six years. Do not have a problem with the bridges. But we are retired, so time is not a problem. Going back and forth to RF Hosp frequently; we have not had to "sit in traffic".	9/20/2019 12:23 PM
64	We have all been in long lines - due to only having one bridge. It would be to the benefit of shoppers and store owners to not have traffic driving -often too fast- through the downtown area (due to frustration?). When drivers have "no business to do" downtown they should have the option to avoid it, but now cannot. Also, if we want to be a tourist destination: close off downtown -Water St and Commercial St- making it very attractive and safer for shoppers - like Burlington VT has in one area - traffic flow using Madison Ave only.	9/20/2019 5:13 AM
65	No easy way to divert traffic for any renovations or road work around downtown. The rotary has been a mess for years, with a 2nd bridge, any and all work could be done without wonder, "how will the summer traffic get through town?"	9/20/2019 3:23 AM
66	Emergency vehicle response time and safety.	9/20/2019 1:50 AM
67	Emergency vehicles trying to get across the bridge when there's traffic backed up both directions with nowhere to go.	9/19/2019 5:59 PM

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68	I do not see a problem. I do not think Skowhegan should invest all that money in another bridge. The money could go to a lot of other projects. I feel the bridge is safe and traffic flow is a little congested at times but is anyways doable	9/19/2019 4:28 PM
69	REALLY ? Really, we need yo talk about this AGAIN for the THIRD TIME !! Where have you been for the last thirty years ? Millions of dollars were spent last time on the study and planning of this which got poo-pooed because the traffic would then not go by certain businesses in town ! It's time to think about the greater good for everyone instead of the few !!	9/19/2019 2:32 PM
70	Adds on 15 min to get kids to and from school, then back across bridge again	9/19/2019 9:39 AM
71	When the congestion is bad (Friday afternoons), I don't think anyone passing through town would stop to do business of any type simply because it's not convenient to park and move in and out of traffic congestion. They would be more likely to run an errand if they didn't already waste 15 minutes sitting in traffic.	9/19/2019 8:31 AM
72	All of the above	9/19/2019 6:36 AM
73	Too much traffic for the bridges to handle, furthermore emergency services struggle trying to get across during the day. We need another bridge.	9/18/2019 6:08 PM
74	Emergency Vehicles have a longer response time due to the traffic of the downtown and bridge.	9/18/2019 5:51 PM
75	Emergency vehicles can't get through	9/18/2019 3:46 PM
76	If, God forbid, there's an emergency, it's vitally important to be able to cross the Kennebec River. Last December during the holiday stroll there was a nighttime Christmas parade.....WE SAT ON THE ISLAND TRAPPED IN A TRAFFIC JAM FOR ALMOST EXACTLY AN HOUR! I think you get my point! We can't allow this to go on any longer to please someone who basically owns the town, namely.....build a second Bridge!!!	9/18/2019 3:13 PM
77	all of the above at certain times	9/18/2019 2:56 PM
78	In my opinion we should maximize the space available around the existing route and remove all the bumps and bad transitions.. and traffic will flow just fine.	9/18/2019 1:09 PM
79	South channel bridge is located at a bad angle and when exiting the bridge there is not enough room for 3 lanes especially when large trucks are at that point	9/18/2019 9:01 AM
80	no problem with flow. I believe for the well being of the town the traffic flow should not be altered	9/18/2019 4:54 AM
81	When work has to be done, or if something happened to the bridge/bridges, people have to go to Norridgewock or Hinckley to get to the other side of town. Not to mention the fire station is located between the two bridges.	9/18/2019 4:53 AM
82	Need to get the large trucks off the intersections down town and at the Main st.west front st. Intersection! it is long overdue. Thanks	9/17/2019 4:32 PM
83	The bridge needs repair and is an unattractive gateway to the downtown. The bridge should also have a separated pathway for bicycles. Bicycles should not be forced to ride on pedestrian sidewalks and the traffic flow on the bridge is dangerous for bicycles to try and ride on the road. Sidewalks should also be user friendly.	9/17/2019 4:18 PM
84	Needs fixed traffic is bad need another route	9/17/2019 1:54 PM
85	Need second bridge 20 years ago.	9/17/2019 11:27 AM
86	I don't see a problem with the bridges. I live here in town and rarely have to wait to cross, or the wait is so short it does not warrant another bridge	9/17/2019 10:37 AM
87	More than 2400 tractor trailers cross our single bridge every day. Many others avoid Skowhegan altogether. they need another bridge.	9/17/2019 4:05 AM
88	Our first responders trying to maneuver around this congestion, especially if we had an event like the Farmington explosion.	9/16/2019 4:08 PM
89	We need another way in and out of town. People don't want to wait which can make it unsafe.	9/16/2019 11:49 AM
90	Hospital , fire department and police dept. access to those on both sides of the river can be a problem at busy times.	9/16/2019 10:02 AM
91	The current bridge concentrates traffic by vehicle and pedestrians to One point of entry into Skowhegan creating congestion. In an emergency the too much congestion in that area create an delays in the Fire department getting out to make a possible lifesaving rescue.	9/16/2019 8:59 AM

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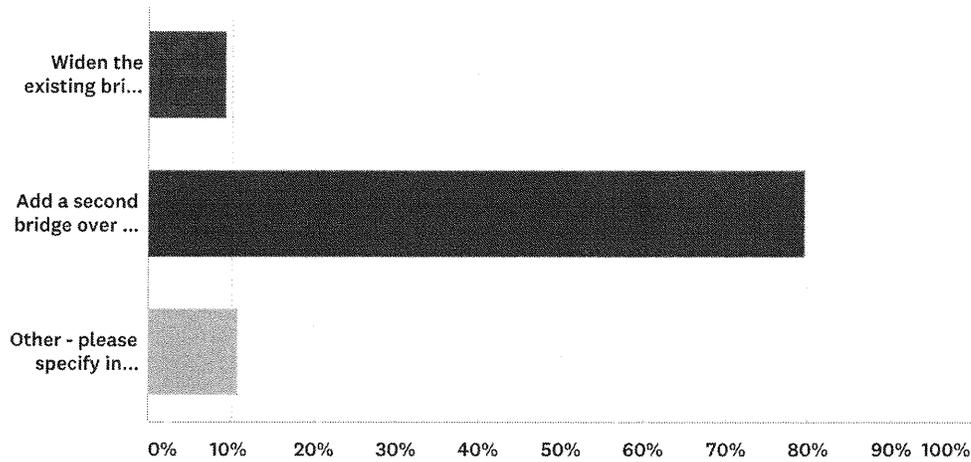
92	Emergency situations where first responders may not be able to get across the river	9/16/2019 8:54 AM
93	Should something happen to the existing Bridge re-routing and detouring traffic would be a major problem for commercial and consumer traffic that passes through the 2 lane existing bridge. Emergency traffic to the Skowhegan hospital would be impacted since the hospital access is just across the bridge. Could impact the lives of people that need immediate access to the hospital.	9/16/2019 6:29 AM
94	also the safety of people who may need and ambulance, medical assistance, child birth, and other uncontrollable medical issues regarding access to fundamental medical assistance during traffic times of the day. IE morning, noon, end of school day, and end of work day. Also fire everyone knows the first few moment in a house fire or any other fire for that matter are vital. if there was a fire around the "rotary" it wouldn't take long to spread all through out thus causing us tax payers a lot of money in a round about way a new bridge may save us money	9/16/2019 12:27 AM
95	Too many large trucks, pulp trucks,etc. rumbling through town	9/15/2019 4:26 PM
96	Few visit the downtown area because the traffic is so heavy and dangerous	9/15/2019 12:53 PM
97	Most of the time no problem--a few minutes wait. However, in case of emergency or flooding, a bridge new bridge seems necessary.	9/15/2019 12:08 PM
98	M	9/15/2019 10:23 AM
99	Too much traffic is funneled into the bridge because for years one greedy business man/overlord wants everyone to drive by his auto dealership. The town has been bending to his will for years. Good luck getting a bridge built without his blessing. Just to be clear I'm talking about Walter hight	9/15/2019 5:54 AM
100	Try driving a tractor trailer through town.people cut me off a lot.	9/14/2019 5:02 PM
101	A 2nd bridge has been needed for years. I have traveled all over Maine and have been to every large town. The worst traffic congestion is in Skowehegan, it is not even close. The Hights need to stop fighting this as bad traffic is not good for the new and used car business. Hights would sell more cars if Skowhegan had a second bridge, because travelors would stop AVOIDING Skowhegan. Everyone avoids Skowhegan because of the traffic problems. It is ridiculous.	9/14/2019 2:57 PM
102	Emergency vehicles response time. FD between two bridges.	9/14/2019 1:28 PM
103	Turns in the downtown business district are too tight for some tractor trailer rigs to safely negotiate while remaining on the proper side of the center line or without pulling trailers up over the curb onto the sidewalk. Oversize loads require special scheduling in terms of congestion, safety and the additional expense of special traffic control measures.	9/14/2019 1:11 PM
104	Time I live on the notch road and do some trading with Hammond Limber. It is so slow to get back across the river.b	9/14/2019 1:10 PM
105	I don't have a problem with it the way it is considering the expense to make any changes.	9/14/2019 1:05 PM
106	Only a few times a day, SAHS arrival/release times and New Balance and between 4:30 and 5:30 PM	9/14/2019 12:39 PM
107	Nothing, other than maintenance- bridge is fine and doesn't warrant spending \$\$\$ to build ANOTHER bridge.	9/14/2019 11:55 AM
108	At times emergency vehicles trying to get across the bridge.	9/14/2019 11:40 AM
109	Too many trucks. Current bridges too low-susceptible to flood waters. Sitting on the bridge as heavy trucks cross in the other direction and you feel like you are about to fall through-the vibrations are so bad.	9/14/2019 10:41 AM
110	The location of the fire station	9/14/2019 10:15 AM
111	Heavy truck traffic on the bridge, sometimes as many as three fully loaded pulp trucks and/or lumber trucks from up north, create a hazardous situation for traffic, particularly the S curve they have to negotiate to cross the bridge. A second bridge, further downriver but not far from the existing bridge so as to easily accommodate traffic coming down Rt. 202, would seem to make a lot of sense.	9/14/2019 9:02 AM
112	WIDTH OF THE BRIDGE	9/14/2019 7:52 AM
113	Contributing factors are shift changes or ending for day at schools, New Balance & Hospital. Also morning commuters & school buses, as well as parents hauling their children to school rather than utilizing the buses like hey should! Tractor trailer trucks slow traffic as well - not to mention wear & tear on the roads/bridges.	9/14/2019 6:51 AM

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114	Locals know from 7 to 9 am and again from 3 to 6pm traffic during the week will be backed up.	9/14/2019 6:51 AM
115	There are just too many vehicles that want to bypass downtown. They have no reason to stop or shop and just want to get through the traffic. Also, truck traffic would be substantially reduced that is going to Sappi.	9/14/2019 5:38 AM
116	I don't see any problems	9/13/2019 5:20 PM
117	not a bridge problem!!!	9/13/2019 9:02 AM
118	The traffic pattern downtown is unique. It's not a rotary or a roundabout. People from away don't understand when you have the right of way or when you don't. People from the area drive like they always have the right of way.	9/13/2019 4:00 AM
119	Long time coming - thought this was to happen years ago. Can be very dangerous getting across.	9/12/2019 11:03 AM
120	The current bridge funnels all the traffic going North/South and East - West in west/central Maine.	9/12/2019 10:03 AM
121	Bypasses work and greatly improve downtowns. Belfast (Rt. 1 bypass) & Rockland (Rt. 90 bypass) are two great examples bypass success. Both towns are thriving.	9/12/2019 8:38 AM
122	Very unsafe merge from bridges onto Water Street with Madison Ave traffic merging onto Water Street also..unsafe congestion during school.time commute ..no emergency vehicle way to cross bridges quickly during congestion	9/11/2019 3:53 PM
123	Only during specific times. When school is starting and people are heading to work, and when school and new balance are let out. Fair time is even worse.	9/11/2019 3:35 PM
124	Make downtown a two way street instead of a one way road. Expand the present bridge.	9/11/2019 2:51 PM
125	I've seen all three lanes during fair time and an ambulance trying to go through. it would free up all the 18 wheelers going across the bridge.	9/11/2019 2:48 PM
126	Approach and egress are the real issues	9/11/2019 2:25 PM
127	Routing the trucks through town creates hazardous conditions. The heavy truck traffic has issues making the corners downtown, as seen by the constant bending of the traffic guide poles. If the trucks were removed, then the stores would see more foot traffic - for example see downtown Rockland now with the trucks bypassing town and retail booming.	9/11/2019 1:09 PM
128	If there was a situation where the bridge became impassable this would greatly affect the community, as well as transportation needs and times.	9/11/2019 9:17 AM
129	The current bridge is old and already experiencing overuse. Without a second bridge what will the impact be if/when the current bridge needs drastic repairs? With emergency services spread throughout both sides of the town traffic congestion on the bridge is detrimental to those services being rendered expeditiously. Have fun trying to get across the river at certain points in the summer, and anytime after school starts or ends, same goes for the factories.	9/11/2019 8:51 AM
130	No redundancy in crossing the river. If you need to get to the hospital and I'll be bridge is out. You add 30 minutes either way	9/11/2019 8:49 AM
131	We learned during the flood in 1987 that since the river separates the town in half and the only access to the other side is over that bridge, natural disasters such as flooding can immobilize the community. People on the north side are separated from the hospital and ambulances and people on the south side are separated from the police and other administrative services and the fire department is in the middle. There needs to be another way short of driving several miles to the east or west to get to the other side of the river.	9/11/2019 5:20 AM
132	While I believe the bridges work well most of the time, traffic when schools, NB and Sappi get out is very busy.	9/11/2019 4:17 AM
133	The town of Skowhegan not only desperately needs a second bridge but a bypass around the downtown area as well. There is simply too much through traffic to not address the problem. Skowhegan has 6 sets of stop lights which is ridiculous for a town that size.	9/11/2019 2:54 AM
134	I worry about all the weight on the bridges. When you sit in traffic with a couple of tractor-trailer trucks on the bridge, you feel the structure shaking. Day after day after day, that is a great deal of stress on the bridges. I have visions of dropping into the river!	9/11/2019 2:28 AM

Q2 How should these problems be solved?

Answered: 389 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Widen the existing bridge and add an additional lane	9.51% 37
Add a second bridge over the Kennebec River in Skowhegan	79.69% 310
Other - please specify in comments	10.80% 42
TOTAL	389

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1	Both	10/16/2019 5:08 AM
2	In the initial scope laid out in your bridge ahead letter In my opinion the sheer volume through Skowhegan Needs to be Reduced the huge trucks are again terrifying; will they make the turn or are they swingin to far into my lane etc. etc. etc.... We need a new bridge changing traffic flow around the rotary will not free us of the dangers. A bridge over towards Bob Churchills Property Crossing the river over Route 2 and ending up above Kens Restaurant this will free up downtown and people who want to be there can do it safely.	10/16/2019 5:00 AM
3	Both	10/16/2019 4:36 AM
4	I feel that the best location for a way to solve congestion is to widen the existing bridge. OR post a sign that says how long you will have to wait (such as they put on the highway to estimate how long to your destination). A sign that says you will have to wait 4 minutes may sooth people, help them plan ahead, and encourage patience - and no bridge would be needed! Signs encouraging people to slow down may help!	10/15/2019 9:17 AM
5	Out of Town toward Canaan on Rt. 2 and south on 201.	10/15/2019 6:34 AM
6	New bridge - not in town. Should go off Root 2 east and south 201...	10/15/2019 6:32 AM
7	Second bridge needs to be away from downtown congestion!	10/15/2019 6:25 AM
8	THE ONLY OPTION IS A SECOND BRIDGE	10/15/2019 6:22 AM
9	Second bridge needs to go eats of town.	10/15/2019 6:20 AM
10	A second bridge over the Kennebec river in Skowhegan is the only viable solution to the issues checked off in question #1. The second bridge must also be located just east of teh town limits so as to address congestion, traffic safety, traffic flow and encourage more people to come to Skowhegan.	10/15/2019 6:17 AM

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11	widening the bridge to 3 lanes heading south will not help us on the south to go north!	10/14/2019 7:57 AM
12	Carefully consider a truck by-pass that will keep truck traffic (other than trucks doing business in the area) from the downtown and residential areas. This help to reduce the general traffic congestion and make the in-town region a much safer, appealing, and friendly place for homeowners, businesses, and pedestrians. It addresses the needs of both downtown businesses and of the residential areas on and adjacent to Water Street and Madison and North Avenues. These big trucks passing through town seldom stop to conduct business in Skowhegan.	10/14/2019 7:08 AM
13	Another option, bypass rotary.	10/13/2019 4:56 PM
14	The town could do so much more if there was another bridge. Restaurants with outside tables in the summer. Have sidewalk art festival in the summer without interfering with traffic flow.	10/10/2019 11:34 AM
15	Add another lane, improve South end approach to make it straight with level grade. Widen intersection on south end. With another North lane one lane can go straight up 201 north and the other can go East on Rt 2. This would eliminate the "rotary"	10/10/2019 9:41 AM
16	Not answered	10/9/2019 7:41 AM
17	The second bridge should be south of the existing bridge	10/9/2019 3:45 AM
18	This is the reason you pay professionals surveyors \$500,000. They know what they are doing and they come up with the best outcome. Average people's opinions don't solve this issue.	10/9/2019 3:45 AM
19	2nd and 3rd bridge to create a toll commercial vehicle only loop around town.	10/8/2019 8:30 AM
20	I don't consider current levels of traffic to be an issue that would require an additional bridge or any modifications. Motorists in Skowhegan should consider themselves lucky that the congestion is only at high peak times and only then does one incur a insignificant delay. Patience is a virtue, impatience a vice.	10/7/2019 12:34 PM
21	Please!	10/7/2019 11:44 AM
22	A second bridge would allow for more than just alleviated traffic flow; by allowing more traffic in and out of town will allow more visitors to town	10/7/2019 11:43 AM
23	Truck traffic adds to the congestion & slows the flow	10/7/2019 11:40 AM
24	Keep DownTown Viable	10/7/2019 11:38 AM
25	Without a bypass for the second bridge I do to see solution. If you don't want truck traffic downtown how are they going to access a second bridge without congestion on. residential streets.	10/6/2019 10:38 AM
26	Add another bridge, however without a bypass to get to it, traffic will only be diverted to side streets which will only create more problems.	10/6/2019 10:24 AM
27	Two way traffic on all of Madison Ave.	10/4/2019 7:46 AM
28	Needed this for too long!	10/3/2019 7:57 AM
29	Widening the existing bridge is the "coke bottle" effect & useless.	10/3/2019 7:56 AM
30	I think you should go with the original plan and put a second bridge south of the eddy.	10/3/2019 7:49 AM
31	It would be easier for town folks all around with another bridge. It would ease traffic & be safer with pedestrian walking or bicycle riding.	10/3/2019 7:47 AM
32	Either choice is workable.	10/3/2019 7:42 AM
33	might help but I don't want to hurt animals	10/3/2019 7:36 AM
34	Very much needed	10/3/2019 7:33 AM
35	The second bridge is more for the Town's people. It doesn't have to be this big of a deal. Why make such a fuss? Put a bridge across North Avenue by the Police Station straight through to 201. If a tourist takes it, make that area interesting enough for them to want to walk the Riverside Mall knowing they won't get killed by traffic. Make Skowhegan great again guys! Malt shops, Art Galleries, Coffee Shops. Survey Millennials, they are our future. We don't need a school down there, we need businesses that attract people. Look into what attracts people's eyes. It isn't confusing rotaries, messed up parking, horrible crosswalks..	10/3/2019 4:59 AM

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36	The existing bridge needs to be widened to add lane that is dedicated for Rt - 2 traffic. Heading north across bridge right turn onto Water Street to downtown and R - 2 and straight to head North onto Madison Ave. that would elevate 3 turns for pulp and other trucks and make it safer for pedestrians. 2 lane traffic on both Water and Commercial Streets since pulp trucks would not have to drive downtown.	10/2/2019 12:43 PM
37	I believe that the situation is fine as-is.	10/2/2019 11:25 AM
38	Add two new bridges - one to the east and one to the west- and reduce traffic to access only on the island.	10/1/2019 7:52 AM
39	Only if it's located off Mt Pleasant Avenue and onto Route 2	9/30/2019 2:59 PM
40	There is no need for either.	9/30/2019 4:04 AM
41	Adding a second bridge as long as it doesn't bypass town.	9/28/2019 11:35 AM
42	I think a second bridge is important as well as traffic flow redesign to think about preferred truck routes, development and creating a 3 lane option for Madison Ave with a center turning lane allowing for improved pedestrian use and business/residential access. Both bridges need pleasurable easy bike/pedestrian access new bridge(presumably over the gorge), should be an architectural masterpiece to crown the beautiful gorge.	9/27/2019 5:07 PM
43	For logging trucks, big rigs etc reroute the commercial traffic	9/27/2019 12:21 PM
44	The bridge should be in the area of the rest area and should also have a bypass to connect with RT 201 somewhere north of Ken's Restaurant.	9/27/2019 4:07 AM
45	Again, your survey is biased as it presumes there is a problem. I keep hearing that a second bridge would come across the Kennebec right next to the Municipal building and traffic would head straight up North Avenue. What has happened to Madison Avenue in my lifetime is incredibly sad, I do not want to see the same thing happen to North Avenue. If only someone had had the foresight to zone the lower part of Madison Avenue to protect the only big beautiful old homes town had, we would have a much more beautiful setting to live in and to offer tourists. We need to do things to encourage businesses to move into the (empty) downtown buildings. The Rotary should be eliminated. Traffic should come across the bridges and head straight up Madison Avenue. Water St. should be made more pedestrian friendly, with parking, cobblestones and one slow lane snaking through	9/26/2019 6:19 PM
46	Leave alone.	9/26/2019 9:26 AM
47	I see no reason to invest heavily as we do not have a serious problem.	9/26/2019 9:18 AM
48	No changes except widen the light area for large trucks	9/25/2019 3:08 PM
49	I truly believe it would make your town more friendly and bring new business and create Jobs and make the down town more like a park where you can have a bite to eat without load trucks and fast moving traffic	9/25/2019 2:40 PM
50	Widening the existing bridge is not enough, the Rte. 201/2/ Main Street intersection is over-taxed. School time is ridiculous. It is only a matter of time before there will be a horrible accident.	9/24/2019 10:40 AM
51	New bridge but not within business area or Coburn Park. East of town would seem most likely location.	9/24/2019 10:16 AM
52	If the existing bridge could be widened without compromising the unique character of the Island, that would likely produce a very positive outcome. Acquisition of the former plaza, on the south side of the bridge, to modify traffic flow patterns.	9/24/2019 9:58 AM
53	Have the lights upgraded to comply with better traffic flows and times.	9/23/2019 4:37 AM
54	Stop worrying about downtown - if people want to go there they will. Put the new bridge near the Municipal Building, put up traffic lights and people can come our right about North Avenue.	9/22/2019 3:44 PM
55	Widening the existing bridge and allowing for additional lanes/areas for current engineering rules would still be far less expensive. Also; I cannot fathom another bridge near the present major intersections of Route 201/2, etc; without major disruptions to the downtown layout. (And what is left of the original Skowhegan - which I believe has been distorted by floods, traffic, etc.) Also; a new bridge would require years of studies; then bond approvals, etc.	9/20/2019 12:23 PM

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56	What a mess widening that bridge would be - and it would totally change our downtown!! We need to allow 18 wheeler trucks and through traffic to avoid downtown. A second bridge would also provide a second path to New Balance and our schools on West Front St not to forget that: we also risk lives with hindered access to the hospital, ambulance, doctors offices and also the fire station and police need to move freely from one side of the town to the other.	9/20/2019 5:13 AM
57	What good is a second bridge if ALL the traffic still ends up on MADISON AVENUE! We need traffic routed around the town. Allow those who want and need to be in town be there and let the rest Goooooooooo!	9/19/2019 2:32 PM
58	A second bridge is LONG overdue.	9/19/2019 8:31 AM
59	Widening the bridge will still require the lanes to merge heading to the downtown area.	9/19/2019 4:54 AM
60	there truly is no good solution as long as the fire station remains on the island.	9/18/2019 2:56 PM
61	Rebuild existing bridge and straighten it to allow for an additional lane	9/18/2019 9:01 AM
62	Either widening the existing bridge or adding a second bridge provides the opportunity to repair the presence of the existing bridge, resolve some traffic congestion and to provide a safe separate pathway for bicycles. A new bridge or an improved bridge also provides an economic development opportunity. Creating a unique bridge and or iconic bridge will draw tourism to the area. Since the current and potentially proposed new bridge is/are proximate to the forthcoming Run of River location on the river, it is important that the bridge(s) compliments Run of River and doesn't detract. Iconic bridges are significant tourism draws in other cities and could be here as well. Pursuing an unique design of interest is an opportunity to enhance a rural downtown that includes an island, a river and in the future a downtown white water park.	9/17/2019 4:18 PM
63	If you must, add a lane. No second bridge	9/17/2019 10:37 AM
64	Put one buy the walking bridge that comes out between antique shop and Thai restaurant with a right turn only sign	9/16/2019 4:37 PM
65	Only one option can be checked (checkbox for comments is missing), my answer is Add a second bridge over the Kennebec River in Skowhegan. Comment: 2nd bridge seems to be the only feasible option, not enough room to widen lanes, yes plural. Only one lane would not improve the situation!	9/16/2019 3:16 PM
66	I don't think widening the bridge is the right answer.	9/16/2019 11:49 AM
67	I hadn't considered the option of additional lane. Currently there are 2 lanes traveling south once on the bridges, and this is already congested in the morning commute for work and school and then in the afternoon when school lets out. Having an additional lane going north across the bridges may move more cars at once specifically over the bridges but I think would instantly congest once at the start of the rotary, especially with vehicles trying to move left to right to continue east or right to left to continue north.	9/16/2019 11:16 AM
68	Adding a second bridge would help development to other areas of Skowhegan and provide an alternate evacuation route for emergency if necessary.	9/16/2019 8:59 AM
69	implement a multi-pronged approach by building a second bridge maybe for heavy weight traffic only (log trucks, construction vehicles, etc.) but also widen the existing bridge to increase traffic flow, maybe also remove traffic lites and create a round- about rotary to keep traffic moving instead of stopping on the bridge.	9/16/2019 8:54 AM
70	I'm not committed to a plan because I haven't seen a viable one presented.	9/16/2019 4:43 AM
71	an additional lane may also be required if the second bridge does not meet the demands. Also I do not know the safety factor or any other condition of the old bridge. but that will depend on placement and size of second bridge of which I have not seen the plans so I can not fairly have an opinion on this. Leaving it on the table seems to be my only option at this time.	9/16/2019 12:27 AM
72	Divert the through traffic, especially the large trucks, away from the downtown.	9/15/2019 4:26 PM
73	Widening the existing bridge will solve nothing—just add to the traffic and noise problems	9/15/2019 12:53 PM
74	I think adding an extra name and making both water Street and Madison Avenue one way it would make the flow much quicker	9/15/2019 10:44 AM
75	Make sure the town manager and selectman grow a backbone before they ask Walter hight if they can build a bridge in his town	9/15/2019 5:54 AM
76	Maybe a causeway for through traffic.	9/14/2019 5:02 PM

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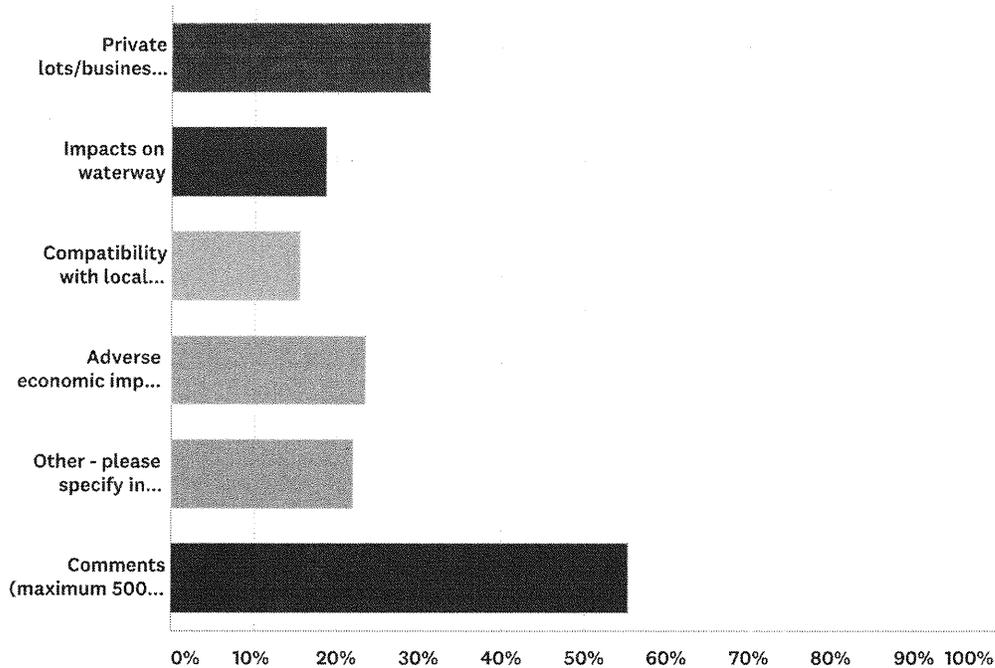
77	Remove the island at Bloomfield's and (RE)-establish 2 way traffic by turning northbound traffic directly up Rt. 201 on Madison avenue. Make Water street 2 way traffic again directing traffic heading East on route 2 straight ahead through downtown and across the bridges. This will require an additional traffic lights at the intersection by Bloomfield's.	9/14/2019 1:11 PM
78	This town has dragged its feet for so long we need two bridges , one each above and below the center of town.In today's age you look on line ,you don't have to drive by a business!	9/14/2019 1:10 PM
79	You are looking for a grand solution for a problem of a much smaller magnitude.	9/14/2019 1:05 PM
80	Widen West Front Street Intersection and add lane to the bridge.	9/14/2019 12:39 PM
81	Need a second bridge. Widening the existing bridges doesn't get them away from flooding dangers.	9/14/2019 10:41 AM
82	A second bridge in the down town are will simply spread the problems that we now have over a slightly larger area. There won't be any fewer trucks, or less one occupant cars and perhaps more school buses if they move more schools to the south side. I see no attempt to look at the future and what the need will be, but instead a bandaid approach.	9/14/2019 10:15 AM
83	Whichever option is the least expensive and inconveniences the fewest number of residents. It also should be environmentally friendly.	9/14/2019 10:14 AM
84	See above comments.	9/14/2019 9:02 AM
85	Add traffic lights in town. Especially going around rotary. Study on how rerouting the roadways could work. More lights on Madison Ave to break up traffic. When and why is there traffic? Can something change with those times. Shuttles. Safety on school buses so families are more willing to put kids on bus. Local buses for shopping traffic.	9/14/2019 8:08 AM
86	Don't believe this will hinder downtown businesses.	9/14/2019 6:51 AM
87	I believe that widening the existing bridge will only add to the congestion. Already there are too many vehicles often clogging the area. Some traffic needs an alternative route through the town.	9/14/2019 6:34 AM
88	People need to learn that waiting 5 minutes to get across the bridge is not a long time	9/13/2019 5:20 PM
89	Both	9/13/2019 9:03 AM
90	traffic pattern not a congestion issue.	9/13/2019 9:02 AM
91	Long time coming - thought this was to happen years ago. Can be very dangerous getting across.	9/12/2019 11:03 AM
92	I think if there was a second bridge it would solve traffic congestion.	9/12/2019 10:59 AM
93	Maybe could get people across the river from N > S and S > North sides of town.	9/12/2019 10:03 AM
94	There is no decent place to put a second bridge. Widening the existing bridge means widening TWO bridges and then you might as well wipe out downtown to accommodate the bridges.	9/12/2019 6:59 AM
95	Bridge should connect Madison Ave to 201 South without coming downtown	9/11/2019 3:53 PM
96	Leave it as is. Traffic in Skowhegan may seem like a big issue, but compared to other towns and other states, it is really a minor issue. Money would be better spent on other things.	9/11/2019 3:35 PM
97	Keep the bridge near downtown. The congestion is in down town not 2 miles down the road.	9/11/2019 2:51 PM
98	A by-pass will be necessary eventually. Adding second lanes northbound will require demolition of several buildings, most likely. The old Sterns building has to go as you cannot add a lane without going through that building. While the Federated Church and ice cream stand will be able to stand, there will not be any space in front of them, and exiting parking at either will be very difficult!. One possible pass requires the Sterns building and the car dealership, t-shirt property and the fire station apron along with a realigned bridge to avoid the church and ice cream stand. The South bridge will also require widening and some re-alignment.	9/11/2019 1:09 PM
99	Is there a possibility to make another Bridge/Bypass to improve flow for Rts 201 & 104 thru traffic?	9/11/2019 12:11 PM
100	We've needed a second bridge for decades.	9/11/2019 8:51 AM
101	Widening the current bridge will not even help to solve the problem, even if you added another lane in to town they will still bottleneck like they are now, maybe even more. At this stage in the game, we should be discussing a 3rd bridge and repairing the current and second bridges because the second bridge should of been installed in the 70's or 80's.	9/11/2019 8:16 AM
102	A bypass around downtown is the best solution.	9/11/2019 6:10 AM

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103	While I'm not against another bridge, I don't believe it there is a good placement that would not cause a lot of other problems.	9/11/2019 4:17 AM
104	Add a second bridge connected to a bypass around the town traffic flow.	9/11/2019 2:54 AM

Q3 What are your concerns about the addition of a second bridge in Skowhegan?

Answered: 389 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Private lots/businesses impacted	31.36%	122
Impacts on waterway	18.77%	73
Compatibility with local plans	15.68%	61
Adverse economic impact on the downtown	23.65%	92
Other - please specify in comments	22.11%	86
Comments (maximum 500 characters)	55.53%	216
Total Respondents: 389		

#	COMMENTS (MAXIMUM 500 CHARACTERS)	DATE
1	None	10/16/2019 5:08 AM
2	No Concerns. A New Bridge is Needed!	10/16/2019 5:08 AM
3	None	10/16/2019 5:06 AM
4	2nd bridge WILL NOT impact downtown - EXAMPLE: Damariscotta put in a by-pass (Rt 1) and it didn't impact the town! Water Way is controlled by the State.	10/16/2019 5:04 AM
5	Adverse Impact - Not So, another bridge will make Downtown more Robust more safe and better for business. Going into town will be a more enjoyable experience more personal and the people who want to be there will not have to fight the High volume of traffic that most probably Not be shopping in our great town	10/16/2019 5:00 AM
6	No concerns	10/15/2019 5:51 PM

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7	No concerns we desperately need a second bridge!!!!	10/15/2019 9:43 AM
8	None, a second bridge will have a positive impact in many ways for the town of Skowhegan and surrounding area.will	10/15/2019 9:38 AM
9	Impact should be positive for the town	10/15/2019 9:33 AM
10	All of the above! A second bridge would negatively impact the beauty of the gorge, landscape, and river view to locals and tourists! We have a beautiful, untouched area that we are planning will attract tourists for the Run of the River- and a bridge crossing anywhere would destroy the beauty that attracts people! Past explorations of bridge placement options negatively impacted local residents land and homes as well.	10/15/2019 9:17 AM
11	My concerns are more if we don't have a second bridge. The addition of a second bridge has been ignored way too long.	10/15/2019 8:13 AM
12	Only that it is located out of town east on 2 and south on 201.	10/15/2019 6:37 AM
13	None	10/15/2019 6:34 AM
14	Not answered.	10/15/2019 6:32 AM
15	None	10/15/2019 6:30 AM
16	I have no concerns as long as the bridge is located where it should be.	10/15/2019 6:28 AM
17	None	10/15/2019 6:25 AM
18	NO CONCERNS	10/15/2019 6:22 AM
19	Not answered.	10/15/2019 6:20 AM
20	There are no concerns as long as the new bridge is located in the E3E area. This location will address all the problems in question #1 and should the need arise in the future to incorporate a connector (bypass) a new bridge in the E3E location would be well aligned.	10/15/2019 6:17 AM
21	I feel that any solution requires a thorough and comprehensive plan for the entirety of the Skowhegan downtown area. This needs to include a review and analysis of poor long range planning decisions made to mitigate traffic prior to this solution set. These areas need include Waterville Road, West Front Street, Main Street, and the entirety of Madison Avenue.	10/15/2019 5:25 AM
22	None	10/15/2019 2:51 AM
23	None we need another way to get cross the river to rt.201	10/14/2019 4:24 PM
24	None of the above. It will all take care of its self	10/14/2019 7:57 AM
25	Skowhegan's main renewal focus has been on creating a revitalized downtown. My concern is that little attention is being paid to the needs of the residential areas that surround downtown. Without getting trucks out of both the downtown business area and the in-town residential areas, the town will, I fear, continue to become to a wall to wall mecca for apartments and low income housing. The congestion, noise, and dirt make living along the in-town streets frequented by large trucks both unsafe and unpleasant.	10/14/2019 7:08 AM
26	no concerns	10/11/2019 12:23 PM
27	I don't believe there would be adverse affects on business. On the contrary, it would improve business. Businesses would be more willing to be on Water Street because people would be willing to shop there.	10/10/2019 11:34 AM
28	Always concerned about another tax increase for big projects, but we have to do what we have to do. I do NOT believe there will be any significant economic impact on downtown Skowhegan.	10/9/2019 2:13 PM
29	We do not need a second bridge. Have any of you ever left Skowhegan? WTVL - augusta, Portland bangor you must always wait for lights. also Skow is the center of North & South - East and West. Work with it. Use common sense if you have any. you also didn't do a survey. I did last time and truckers are not changing their route. What about tourist?	10/9/2019 7:50 AM
30	Not answered	10/9/2019 7:39 AM
31	People worry about the effect on the downtown but the bridge won't be a problem, if you have businesses that sell things people want people will come, bad roads and terrible traffic keep people away	10/9/2019 3:45 AM

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32	Skowhegan will need to learn how to get a bit more professional with their advertising for the downtown in order to get business there or keep it. Put in some parking in different spots and add some park benches and spots for children to attract people. The veterans park next to the municipal building was the biggest waste of time and money. No one uses it. It could have been a great spot for a playground or small park for people to use. Who wants to sit in front of a bunch of tombstones with dead peoples names on it, people who no one really remembers...not my family.	10/9/2019 3:45 AM
33	No concerns.	10/8/2019 8:30 AM
34	We don't have enough information to determine any of the above.	10/8/2019 7:21 AM
35	Will 2nd bridge create more problems with trucks & vacationers needing 201 corridor?	10/8/2019 2:36 AM
36	Not answered	10/7/2019 11:46 AM
37	Not answered	10/7/2019 11:45 AM
38	None	10/7/2019 11:43 AM
39	Traffic congestion in other areas and pedestrians safety.	10/6/2019 10:38 AM
40	Need a bypass to get to it. Second bridge needs to be away from downtown. Without a bypass traffic congestion will just be moved to residential streets.	10/6/2019 10:24 AM
41	None! If people want to visit downtown they would.	10/5/2019 9:26 AM
42	None! I think it will actually help the town as people will be able to get around easier	10/4/2019 7:46 AM
43	I have no concerns. Concerns that are expressed are truly political!!	10/4/2019 5:39 AM
44	Not answered	10/3/2019 7:57 AM
45	NONE!! Please do the bridge - I moved here 40 years ago and the traffic problem is still the same!	10/3/2019 7:56 AM
46	The original plan of the bypass placement of the second bridge is the perfect solution.	10/3/2019 7:49 AM
47	None. It's a great thing for Skowhegan people to have another bridge to help traffic flow.	10/3/2019 7:47 AM
48	Not answered	10/3/2019 7:43 AM
49	Not answered	10/3/2019 7:42 AM
50	cost	10/3/2019 7:38 AM
51	No concerns	10/3/2019 7:33 AM
52	None!!!!!!! Make it so they don't! No one shops there as it is now!!!! If you were a tourist, would you shop down there? I wouldn't!!!	10/3/2019 4:59 AM
53	I am sure some businesses downtown have concerns about less traffic coming through the downtown area, but I still think they would have plenty of traffic. I also know that this Run of the River Project that people dream of one day having in Skowhegan would be affected by a second bridge. Everyone has their own concerns, but there needs to be some way to reduce the traffic on the only bridge that connects both sides of town.	10/3/2019 3:45 AM
54	No concerns.	10/2/2019 12:43 PM
55	Taxes. There was already a substantial increase in the mil rate this year. Also, the bridge area is only congested at peak times. It has never been even remotely as congested as places like Wiscasset.	10/2/2019 11:25 AM
56	None	10/2/2019 7:41 AM
57	None	10/2/2019 6:33 AM
58	None	10/1/2019 8:56 AM
59	None.	10/1/2019 7:52 AM
60	My concerns are that a new bridge will provide a lot of traffic to bypass the downtown area. By keeping traffic on a main highway in town, hopefully drivers will still stop to access area businesses.	9/30/2019 2:59 PM
61	All of the above.	9/30/2019 4:04 AM
62	Positive impact for the community	9/29/2019 11:46 AM

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63	Planning. I hope you plan this better than your current and corrected tax bill	9/28/2019 6:57 AM
64	Change is ever present and new bridge needs to be part of comprehensive plan so that residential property and commercial property owners can plan. A well done bridge can accentuate and help downtown businesses because the current traffic pattern is miserable for them	9/27/2019 5:07 PM
65	no concerns. I think a second bridge is a win/win	9/27/2019 2:59 PM
66	No concerns	9/27/2019 11:21 AM
67	How much will it cost and where does the money come from. Federal highway fund? Bond issue state of maine? Local taxes?	9/27/2019 10:53 AM
68	My concern is that someone will convince them to put the bridge right in town which will not alleviate traffic congestion.	9/27/2019 4:07 AM
69	No concerns. It's definitely long overdue. We would shop more downtown if there were less trucks and traffic.	9/26/2019 6:50 PM
70	one word...SPRAWL....it spreads the traffic away from the already dying business district that needs it, and moves it into residential areas that dont benefit from it.	9/26/2019 6:19 PM
71	The only people who will use it are the travelers/tourists who you want in your downtown.	9/26/2019 9:26 AM
72	None. the town would benefit from a new bridge.	9/26/2019 9:20 AM
73	Do not consider a second bridge.	9/26/2019 9:18 AM
74	no concerns.	9/25/2019 3:32 PM
75	All of the above...Skowhegan already is suffering from loss on the downtown area. Build up the economy and then talk about changes.	9/25/2019 3:08 PM
76	long time land owners that may have to sell the traffic right now is hurting the economic we would like to stop down town but traffic in the summer is so bad we do stop always trying to watch for someone crossing the street wild trying to change lanes	9/25/2019 2:40 PM
77	I don't have any concerns	9/25/2019 2:26 PM
78	Concern on what other roads/streets will be impacted by a bridge too close to Skowhegan. Will it bring the truck traffic to areas that are now quiet locations with less traffic. IE - will the Dr. Mann road be impacted!? Concern on the cost of moving it too close to town from a cost standpoint - buying out property owners.	9/25/2019 1:49 PM
79	I have no concerns with an additional bridge.	9/25/2019 1:12 PM
80	I think the need for an additional bridge outweighs these concerns.	9/25/2019 12:52 PM
81	None.	9/25/2019 6:11 AM
82	I think this is a great idea, we need a 2nd bridge closer than Norrudgewock and Hinkley.	9/24/2019 5:33 PM
83	Communities are impacted every year by growth and increased traffic. Yes, property owners/businesses will be affected, not necessarily all in a negative way. Traffic through Skowhegan has increased significantly, both commercial and tourist. This community needs help.	9/24/2019 10:40 AM
84	The concept of bypassing the Skowhegan Business District, on both sides of the river, may have an adverse impact on businesses in Skowhegan overall. Route 6 in Massachusetts, from the Rhode Island line to Cape Cod provides an example of the economic impact of a bypass, Route 195, on a broad region, when the highway opened in the 1970s.	9/24/2019 9:58 AM
85	Private homes impacted or caused to be removed.	9/24/2019 8:39 AM
86	impacts on waterway, wildlife, environment	9/24/2019 7:24 AM
87	Trucks need their own route.	9/24/2019 7:15 AM
88	I believe that with the assistance of engineers and environmentalist a second bridge will be a success for everyone in this town.	9/22/2019 4:35 PM
89	Don't have any - it is needed.	9/22/2019 3:44 PM
90	It could only have positive effects. Slightly less traffic downtown would make the downtown experience more pleasant. Bonus for commuters.	9/22/2019 8:55 AM
91	Better flow of traffic.	9/21/2019 11:07 PM

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92	None	9/20/2019 5:39 PM
93	None	9/20/2019 1:56 PM
94	No comment except, hopefully, the right place will be selected.	9/20/2019 11:07 AM
95	none	9/20/2019 7:26 AM
96	None	9/20/2019 6:53 AM
97	Depending on location chosen, someone will be impacted - can't be helped. Just have to pick the best spot and live with it.	9/20/2019 5:13 AM
98	I Have no concerns at this time.	9/20/2019 3:45 AM
99	None	9/20/2019 3:23 AM
100	I have no concerns about the addition of a second bridge. I feel like it would be a great addition to the town, and I don't believe it would negatively impact local business or the waterway	9/20/2019 1:50 AM
101	NONE !!	9/19/2019 2:32 PM
102	I don't have any. I think it will help the downtown	9/19/2019 2:31 PM
103	I have no concerns, we need another bridge	9/19/2019 1:41 PM
104	None. People are going to go where they need to go to buy things. Everyone knows where hights Chevrolet is I don't think it will affect Walters business.	9/19/2019 11:39 AM
105	Am not aware of any	9/19/2019 9:39 AM
106	Needs to be so we can bypass downtown area. Nothing really there... think about it... what have you gone there for coffee? Time for a change!	9/19/2019 8:36 AM
107	If it's planned out correctly, any negative impact would be minor. With current recreational plans, there will be even more congestion during summer months. The bridge should be in before the recreation takes place.	9/19/2019 8:31 AM
108	Location needs to be relevant in reducing congestion on current bridge. Perhaps where the walking bridge is now? Or across the Eddy up Malbons Mills Road connecting to 201 Left of Notch road	9/19/2019 4:39 AM
109	No concerns, we need a second bridge.	9/19/2019 3:28 AM
110	I think that we need to have an option to keep so much traffic from going downtown as that may adversely effect peoples decision to shop there as it is so busy. Also a second bridge would not change my habits, as if there is something down there that I want I am going to go there and purchase it, not just because I am driving by	9/19/2019 3:23 AM
111	None	9/18/2019 6:08 PM
112	No issue with a second bridge	9/18/2019 3:21 PM
113	I actually think it will be a plus for our town, make it better to get through.fr	9/18/2019 3:13 PM
114	Traffic while construction takes place and the amount of time it will take	9/18/2019 2:56 PM
115	cost	9/18/2019 9:01 AM
116	Where it will be located	9/18/2019 7:23 AM
117	A bridge through residential/rural areas will increase traffic flow on roads that are not used to or designed for it.	9/18/2019 4:53 AM
118	Tax increase	9/18/2019 12:15 AM
119	NONE	9/17/2019 4:32 PM
120	I see no negative impacts.	9/17/2019 4:21 PM
121	That it not be an eyesore. That it not be an incentive for more through traffic. That it not interfere with Run of River waterpark and surrounding trail network. That it not interfere with quality of life for downtown residents and not interfere with the downtown experience.	9/17/2019 4:18 PM
122	We need more routes. The town gets bigger. We need it bad	9/17/2019 1:54 PM
123	Downtown impact	9/17/2019 10:37 AM

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124	With the amount of logging trucks funneling through the area I do not see any adverse issues with the idea of a second bridge. I do not believe it will impact local business in the downtown area, if anything it will improve the flow for business as it will be less invasive and intimidating for pedestrians and consumers that are continuously fighting with logging and larger trucks. A new bridge would create a safer area.	9/17/2019 5:30 AM
125	It would improve the accessibility for downtown businesses. If you live on 201, the Waterville Road, south of the dam/bridge, and it's 3 p.m., and you wish to go North, you get in line by the hardware store even if you don't want to cross the bridge.	9/17/2019 4:05 AM
126	Not sure what compatibility with local plans means as the plan(s) are not listed. If referring to the River Fest, then it is a definite NO as I oppose this plan, it is a joke and a disgrace to the river we should be protecting since that is one meaning of the word SKOWHEGAN which we claim the as a town name. Besides that without a new bridge no one will come to the amusement park (not that they will anyway when they can do real rafting just miles up the road) as traffic would even be worse and pedestrians at greater risk! If folks what to go downtown they will if there is a new by-pass bridge, this has already proven itself in Augusta & Waterville/Winslow. If the bridge is strategically placed it should have little impact on local business and/or private lots. Some sacrifices might need to be made because when there is growth change needs to happen but not to the point of destroying our natural surroundings!	9/16/2019 3:16 PM
127	May cause problems elsewhere. Destroy beauty of river drive on rt 2 if east of town	9/16/2019 1:11 PM
128	None get it done	9/16/2019 12:53 PM
129	Traffic won't go thur town. I don't think that matters much.	9/16/2019 11:49 AM
130	I don't have any concerns. I am a business just off of East Front St 1/4 mile from the bridges, I don't know if another bridge would impact me specifically in that I may get less drive by customers or not. I do know that with a fleet of trucks the traffic congestion is always a concern for safety and expense for time delays.	9/16/2019 11:16 AM
131	I don't see a downside to adding a second bridge. Adding a second bridge with a walk way would provide another unique focal point for tourist to enjoy.	9/16/2019 8:59 AM
132	may have general negative impact on the environment, not just impacts on the watercourse, also may have tremendous costs with long construction time which could further impact traffic congestion	9/16/2019 8:54 AM
133	that it will take too long to complete	9/16/2019 7:36 AM
134	I do not visit any of the downtown stores now, because of the traffic and the parking. MAYBE if there were less traffic and better parking I might visit them in the future.	9/16/2019 6:50 AM
135	nothing	9/16/2019 5:46 AM
136	my only concern is that we need one.	9/16/2019 5:01 AM
137	I have no concerns. If the goal of having Skowhegan grow is to become a reality this bridge can't be built fast enough.	9/16/2019 4:57 AM
138	LOCATION!	9/16/2019 4:43 AM
139	I don't have any concerns. I believe a second bridge would be a tremendous benefit to the Skowhegan Area.	9/16/2019 4:22 AM
140	I fear that greed and arbitrary politic will impact the most logical, prudent, and efficient placement of the bridge. environmentalist (not people with environment opinions) and engineers can and do work well together I have seen it and done it so long as educated people on those maters are the ones weighing in.	9/16/2019 12:27 AM
141	None, This should have been done years ago, traffic in skowhegan is a shitshow	9/15/2019 5:13 PM
142	Cost to taxpayers for project and maintenance	9/15/2019 4:28 PM
143	The downtown does not attract through traffic. The car dealership in the middle of downtown is a huge drawback to the downtown.	9/15/2019 4:26 PM
144	I see no concerns.	9/15/2019 4:05 PM
145	Downtown more shopper friendly	9/15/2019 2:42 PM
146	Needs to be planned to not disrupt walking trails, river flow and visual beauty of the area.	9/15/2019 12:53 PM

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147	I have no concerns.	9/15/2019 12:32 PM
148	Where it goes will hurt someone and will be costly.	9/15/2019 12:08 PM
149	I feel we need to get the truck traffic out of the down town area . more people will go and shop if it was lees traffic!	9/15/2019 10:48 AM
150	I believe it would hurt downtown businesses and truly we only have maybe around 8 o'clock in around 2 o'clock and congestion problem	9/15/2019 10:44 AM
151	The new bridge would not prove to be a problem for local businesses. If anything it would take alot of traffic away from downtown so those who wish to shop have a better chance to enjoy the area. Also with the river project it would open up that area to more walking customers in those locations.	9/15/2019 6:29 AM
152	No concerns other than I hope walter hight still gets a chance to make millions of dollars a year. I'd hate to think my not having to spend time in traffic will affect his bottom line. We should all do our part to keep the wealthy happy. I hope this isnt coming off as sarcastic	9/15/2019 5:54 AM
153	None.	9/15/2019 4:48 AM
154	Our taxes are already high, to pay for another bridge would undoubtedly make them even higher	9/15/2019 3:18 AM
155	Only that monied interests will deter the implementation of whatever plan is adopted. The congestion needs to be eased ASAP!	9/15/2019 3:06 AM
156	I. Was stationed at LoringAFB.just after bypass put in Caribou.I ask the business in Caribou how the bypass effected them.All and I meanALL said their business increased from 30percent to doubling.they put a canopy over part of downtown.Like water street.	9/14/2019 5:02 PM
157	none	9/14/2019 3:51 PM
158	No concerns just easier to get from one side of river to the other	9/14/2019 3:48 PM
159	The traffic problem on the end of either bridge north or south, 3 major highways cross at the bridge. A clover leaf or rotary will be needed?????	9/14/2019 3:48 PM
160	All the above concerns are insignificant compared to the benefits of improved traffic flow in and around Skowhegan.	9/14/2019 3:43 PM
161	It needs to be located in a logical location that would benefit everyone. North avenue for example should just continue over the river from Water street.	9/14/2019 2:57 PM
162	None Way overdue and should include the bypasses.	9/14/2019 2:03 PM
163	A site should be chosen that impacts private lots/businesses a little as possible. Reasonable compensation and town assistance for displaced entities should be employed to assure those affected will be made whole. Progress is never possible without some degree of pain.	9/14/2019 1:11 PM
164	I am all for two bridges, the people who want to shop in town will and the ones that don't can't get through town fast enough!	9/14/2019 1:10 PM
165	The taxpayer expense for construction and maintenance.	9/14/2019 1:05 PM
166	I do not believe there would be much of an impact to Skowhegan Downtown if a new bridge were built, but the cost of a new bridge is ridiculous for the traffic issues that occur a few times a day. Taxes are already high enough.	9/14/2019 12:39 PM
167	I don't see a problem. The town has been talking about a second bridge for decades. It's time for action.	9/14/2019 12:18 PM
168	Don't need it, period.	9/14/2019 11:55 AM
169	None something needs to be done	9/14/2019 11:40 AM
170	There is always a price to pay for adding a second bridge. Minimizing all of the above concerns should be paramount.	9/14/2019 10:41 AM
171	if there is a second bridge, then it should be for all overlarge truckers such as pulp, 18 wheelers that don,t need access to town. also any commercel vehicles in access of large modular movers.	9/14/2019 10:31 AM
172	Environmental issues should be a priority	9/14/2019 10:14 AM
173	Assuming the appropriate engineering, there should be no negative impacts from a second bridge.	9/14/2019 9:02 AM
174	I DON'T THINK IT IS NECESSARY	9/14/2019 7:52 AM

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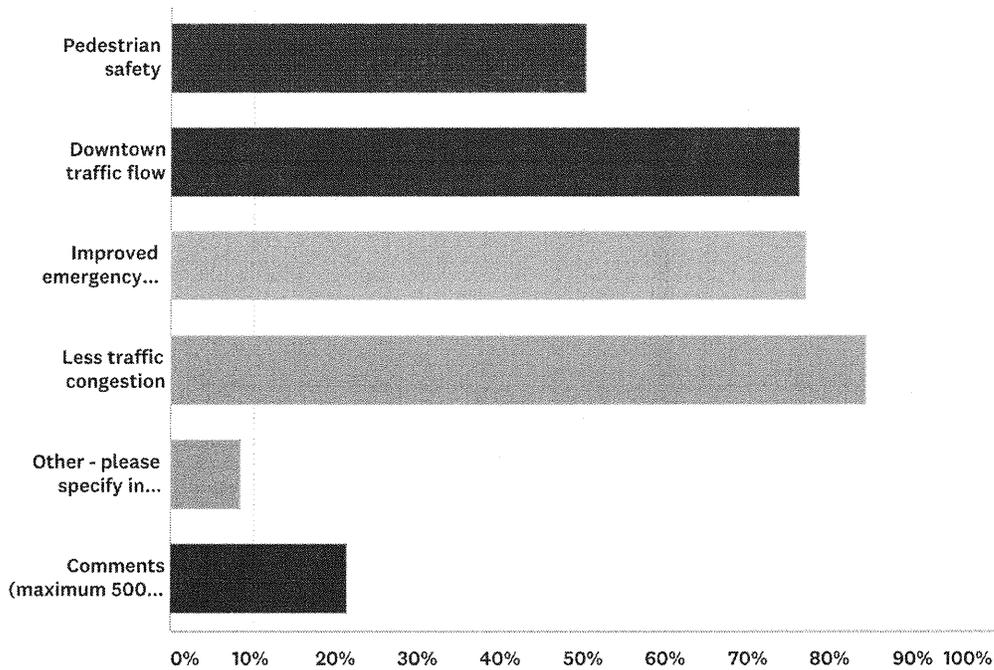
175	As above, don't believe it will hurt businesses. If anything, it will help as people who avoid the traffic will then feel more confident to maneuver with vehicles as well as walking.	9/14/2019 6:51 AM
176	No concern - has become a necessity to get all the traffic through.	9/14/2019 5:38 AM
177	As a business owner I worry how bypassing traffic around downtown will impact small businesses	9/13/2019 5:20 PM
178	None	9/13/2019 1:35 PM
179	None	9/13/2019 9:03 AM
180	Very bad choice	9/13/2019 9:02 AM
181	none	9/13/2019 4:00 AM
182	Additional traffic on Rte 2 East would be problematic. The road is already too heavily traveled, too narrow, and unsafe. Many accidents in past years on that road. It cannot accommodate more traffic.	9/13/2019 2:29 AM
183	none	9/12/2019 3:46 PM
184	My feeling is if travelers want to stop in Skowhegan they will not take the bypass but come into our town to do business and the people who are just traveling through will take the bypass, I do not see a lot of businesses impacted as most of the trucks are traveling through and this will give people a better chance to stop downtown and conduct business.	9/12/2019 12:55 PM
185	None	9/12/2019 11:03 AM
186	But a second bridge is much needed.	9/12/2019 10:59 AM
187	It may improve the downtown, since now it's a "Rotary" and not safe for pedestrians.	9/12/2019 10:03 AM
188	None.	9/12/2019 8:38 AM
189	I have no concerns about the addition of a second bridge. This is LONG overdue and should have been completed years ago. This will have little to no impact on the downtown other than to make it less congested with large trucks and be much safer overall.	9/12/2019 7:30 AM
190	none	9/12/2019 4:18 AM
191	I have no concerns	9/12/2019 1:13 AM
192	No concerns	9/12/2019 12:48 AM
193	That you will take people's homes unnecessarily. You should be able to figure out how to do this bridge without taking local citizens' homes they worked a life time for. Please consider this when you make your decisions.	9/11/2019 2:51 PM
194	I am concerned that if the bridge is east of skowhegan that the traffic will then be all going up North avenue. Which is already becoming busier and busier do to people avoiding Madison avenue. Also the side streets that attach Madison avenue to North avenue will be impacted. These are family homes kids on bikes and so forth.	9/11/2019 2:02 PM
195	The concept of adverse economic impact is no more then a scare tactic, a second bridge would dramatically improve traffic flow in the downtown area	9/11/2019 1:54 PM
196	location is the big issue - will it actually ease traffic flow or just compound the problems spreading the problem wider.	9/11/2019 1:09 PM
197	none	9/11/2019 12:54 PM
198	Is there room to expand/widen the Bridge using some of the mostly unused Plaza Parking Lot and redo the whole Intersection?	9/11/2019 12:11 PM
199	Skowhegan needs a second way to get thru town. There's always so much traffic. Grave concerns when there's an emergency.	9/11/2019 9:33 AM
200	No concern should have happened year's ago..	9/11/2019 9:18 AM
201	No concerns. It's a wise decision.	9/11/2019 9:17 AM
202	no concerns	9/11/2019 9:10 AM
203	no concerns	9/11/2019 8:51 AM
204	None the townspeople need a second bridge	9/11/2019 8:49 AM

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205	None	9/11/2019 8:38 AM
206	There will be no impact on businesses People will have better access to the local businesses once the traffic flow is less	9/11/2019 8:35 AM
207	None	9/11/2019 8:22 AM
208	I have ZERO concerns that can possibly outweigh the need for a 2nd bridge. I am tired of hearing the same scare tactics that it will hurt business. Forcing all that traffic through town is not going to make them stop to shop if they just want to get to or from work.	9/11/2019 8:16 AM
209	None, it needs to be done with a bypass.	9/11/2019 6:10 AM
210	My only concern is that a second bridge won't be built and the traffic congestion over the current bridges won't be lessened but get worse. Real estate is bound to be impacted. That's necessary for progress. Traffic congestion over the current bridges has only grown. It's now time for it to happen.	9/11/2019 5:05 AM
211	Bypassing downtown will lesson traffic concerns. It will also reroute tourist traffic and potentially hurt business that rely on that traffic. I cant think of any town that has been "bypassed" that had an improvement in downtown business health.	9/11/2019 4:32 AM
212	The location chosen doesn't reduce enough congestion downtown. The inability to decide on a location prevents the construction of a second bridge.	9/11/2019 3:54 AM
213	The main impact would be much happier through commuters not having to deal with bridge congestion and a very outdated 'rotary'.	9/11/2019 2:54 AM
214	None. I think it can be worked out.	9/11/2019 2:28 AM
215	I have no concern about the impact of a second bridge.	9/11/2019 2:02 AM
216	another test comment from Craig	9/5/2019 2:08 AM

Q4 What are some advantages to a second bridge in Skowhegan?

Answered: 389 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	Count
Pedestrian safety	50.39%	196
Downtown traffic flow	76.35%	297
Improved emergency vehicle response time	77.12%	300
Less traffic congestion	84.58%	329
Other - please specify in comments	8.48%	33
Comments (maximum 500 characters)	21.59%	84
Total Respondents: 389		

#	COMMENTS (MAXIMUM 500 CHARACTERS)	DATE
1	It might make people want to go into downtown.	10/16/2019 5:04 AM
2	We are long overdue for a new bridge the bridges are overloaded and probably Need to be replaced with this present traffic load. If you are stuck on the bridge and it is bouncing up and down is NOT GOOD Pedestrian safety first and Foremost will be a lot safer, with familiarity with the area rather than all the other Drivers who are racing through town	10/16/2019 5:00 AM
3	Will improve the downtown economy.	10/15/2019 9:38 AM
4	A wider bridge at it's present location would have the least impact on individual homes/land. A wider bridge in it's present location would alleviate some traffic congestion with log trucks, school busses, and general busy times of day. Downtown traffic would remain about the same - perhaps there could be no parking, or only on one side, on the main street -Water Street (there is plenty of parking in the public parking areas) to allow for another lane. A wider bridge would allow for the increased fire response, and for ambulances to pass more easily. A wider bridge may affect the Ice Cream shop.	10/15/2019 9:17 AM

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5	I believe business in downtown will increase. For example, being able to come from the south side of the bridges into town for lunch would be great. Right now ,if you have a one hour lunch break, it's nearly impossible to be back to work in time. Also, Skowhegan as a "destination town" has been mentioned many times. Getting here needs to be much easier. The title is one thing but if people are frustrated with the congested traffic flow, they may not come back.	10/15/2019 8:13 AM
6	Not answered.	10/15/2019 6:39 AM
7	Positive economic impact for the town, both north and south side. To achieve the above advantages the bridge must be located east of town beyond the great eddie and before the rest area on Rt. 2 and in the area of Whittemore and Sons on Rt. 201.	10/15/2019 6:17 AM
8	Since the September public meeting, I have been observing traffic and truck flow entering the downtown area. Reducing this flow by even 30% would greatly improve the experience of the downtown for both traffic and pedestrian flow. I feel that reduction is best suited by the removal of East-West traffic traveling through our town. That, by default, would mean locating a second bridge east of the downtown proper.	10/15/2019 5:25 AM
9	Again, I think that a truck by-pass combined with an expansion/improvement of the current bridge system could realize these advantages without the need of a second bridge in the downtown area. I think Rumford took a similar approach. I agree that we do not want to have a by-pass for all traffic but we need one for trucks.	10/14/2019 7:08 AM
10	Yes, it would be easier for emergency vehicles to get to the hospital from Madison, Cannon, Cornville and the North Avenue side of the river.	10/10/2019 11:34 AM
11	See none	10/10/2019 9:41 AM
12	none none none Only serves you and you don't care about anything or anyone else why is the public not able to read what is said on the computer. If the comments aren't to your wants. Will you lie to get this dam second bridge?	10/9/2019 7:50 AM
13	Just getting the logging trucks out of the downtown area would help a lot	10/9/2019 3:45 AM
14	Nice answers but then again, how does the average high school educated person know if this will improve or impact pedestrian traffic, emergency response time, etc. You need to keep average people to simple yes or no questions and pay a firm money to let you know what the advantages or disadvantages are. Again, if you leave this to the people of Skowhegan to figure out you come up with a 6th grade education guess that may or may not work. PAY MONEY FOR YOUR NEEDED OUTCOME.	10/9/2019 3:45 AM
15	Not answered	10/7/2019 11:46 AM
16	Not answered	10/7/2019 11:45 AM
17	Not answered	10/7/2019 11:38 AM
18	Get the tractor trailer traffic away from the downtown area.	10/7/2019 4:06 AM
19	I really don't see ANY. It's just going to create problems in a different area.	10/6/2019 10:38 AM
20	Actually, without a bypass there is NO advantage to having a second bridge. You are ONLY moving the traffic congestion from downtown to another area.	10/6/2019 10:24 AM
21	Not answered	10/3/2019 7:57 AM
22	No more traffic delays (eg, Friday afternoon in the middle of the summer)	10/3/2019 7:56 AM
23	Less wear and tear on the existing bridge that we currently have being worked on!! Drivers would also have more satisfaction coming through the area if there was a way to get through town without having to sit in traffic on the bridge during peak times of traffic congestion.	10/3/2019 3:45 AM
24	Should existing bridge need to be worked on we would still be able to cross river.	10/2/2019 12:43 PM
25	What about the plans to develop the river into a recreational area near the downtown area?	10/2/2019 11:25 AM
26	I	10/2/2019 6:33 AM
27	Currently, the downtown and island in particular hold so little allure to residents and visitors. The island is such a unique precious asset to the town which is wasted.	10/1/2019 7:52 AM
28	There are none.	9/30/2019 4:04 AM
29	Progress and a more beautiful future	9/27/2019 5:07 PM

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30	Same comments as in question 1 plus, it probably will help current businesses with less commercial traffic	9/27/2019 10:53 AM
31	More people would go downtown to eat and shop and not avoid the parking lot!	9/26/2019 6:50 PM
32	And again, your survey is biased and assumes there are advantages. There are no traffic, pedestrian, congestion issues that need to be addressed. And if we want to improve emergency vehicle response time we should build a small two-bay fire station on each side of the river, each designed to house one fire engine and one ambulance, with the original station on the island as the main hub. The one thing we learned during the flood of 87 was that if the river swells enough, our town can be cut in half...no matter how many bridges we have. A large new public safety building would never be able to equitably protect both sides of town, so one should never be built. We should always have emergency vehicles of every kind stationed on each side of the river. Skip the bridge.	9/26/2019 6:19 PM
33	I see no advantages. Seems to be a conflict - Main Street/Chamber want more business downtown - yet everyone dislikes the traffic	9/26/2019 9:26 AM
34	None	9/26/2019 9:18 AM
35	There are no advantages...just another way to spend money people do not have right now.	9/25/2019 3:08 PM
36	start making Skowhegan the new happen place the talk I've heard there are business that are looking to expand	9/25/2019 2:40 PM
37	The ability to go thru town. When the traffic is bogged down at certain times no one would stop because they wouldn't want to deal with the traffic(they would just pass on thru)	9/25/2019 2:26 PM
38	It's been timed from West front market to Franklin Savings and its @7-10 mins. on multiple occasions?	9/25/2019 7:55 AM
39	N/A	9/24/2019 9:58 AM
40	A second bridge in case of damage to one bridge for safety reasons.	9/23/2019 1:27 PM
41	Gee, these appear to be the same biased concerns as question #1	9/23/2019 4:37 AM
42	In an emergency the second bridge could mean the difference in saving a life or loosing a life. when having a heart attach, seconds count. When loosing blood in an accident, seconds count.	9/22/2019 4:35 PM
43	The downtown experience would be more pleasant.	9/22/2019 8:55 AM
44	We are in a "arm pit" situation downtown. Most locals shop at Walmart as they don't want to deal with the downtown parking and walking around issues. For example: park in front of the Bankery and risk your life driving back out into traffic or park in our wonderful municipal lot (near the chamber office) and risk your life walking to and back from the Bankery from there. What's the choice? - Walmart or Amazon.	9/20/2019 5:13 AM
45	I do not see an advantage. This is a small community and the tariff is nothing compared to other towns.	9/19/2019 4:28 PM
46	That we have another crossing. Needs to be outside town . So since it isn't on table we should just widen the current bridge and save money	9/19/2019 8:36 AM
47	All of the above	9/19/2019 6:36 AM
48	Best for all	9/17/2019 4:32 PM
49	As mentioned before, a new bridge project provides the opportunity to build something special and unique, which in turn can meet practical needs and also draw tourism. Some ideas: an observation deck for watching river activity (Run of River), pathways for biking, walking/running and x-country skiing in the winter (groomed bridge trail would be a unique feature and fit with the community efforts to increase awareness and activity in the area of recreation). Other ideas - A covered bridge, a bridge using local granite (technology has made using granite more feasible and granite is much more attractive than cement). A second bridge would also provide some options for calming traffic through downtown. Water Street should be dominated by pedestrians not auto traffic and most certainly not through auto and truck traffic. I'd like to see the town consider closing vehicle traffic on Water St. full time, or part time and if part time, then add raised walk ways that would serve as speed bumps to slow traffic (like in Brunswick)	9/17/2019 4:18 PM
50	all of the above are advantages but at what cost in dollars and downtown impact	9/17/2019 10:37 AM

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51	Perhaps it wouldn't take me 20-25 minutes to get out of my neighborhood, over the bridge, to Water Street to go to the Skowhegan office when I can walk over the walking bridge and be there in 10 minutes. Pedestrian safety is a real issue over the island bridges, I don't even cross the street to get to the ice-cream shop, too dangerous! And honestly some of the blame needs to go to the drivers themselves who get fed up with the traffic congestion and don't pay attention to the pedestrians, and having the sharp corner on the bridge is a blind spot for drivers to make matters worse. If it was possible currently to avoid the triangle downtown completely I would but it is the only way to get uptown to the major shopping areas and for this reason I do most of my shopping in the Waterville area. Today for instance I walked to the Skowhegan office to start my day, walked home to retrieve my vehicle to drive to Augusta, then stopped at Hannaford's on way home in Waterville. Something has to be done to detour tourist and truck traffic around Skowhegan so the citizens of Skowhegan can feel safe walking and/or driving across, the island bridges. Yes I said tourists, only because most of the Canadian traffic is just going to Old Orchard Beach - Skowhegan is not their true destination! ALL listed above are important factors in needing this bridge!	9/16/2019 3:16 PM
52	May actually divert some truck traffic from downtown??	9/16/2019 1:11 PM
53	People won't have a long wait.	9/16/2019 11:49 AM
54	may bring more business and tourism to the area	9/16/2019 8:54 AM
55	A second bridge, even if built in the downtown area, would allow for future growth of not just the downtown, but the entire town.	9/16/2019 4:57 AM
56	The advantages will all depend upon the location of that second bridge.	9/16/2019 4:43 AM
57	A reduction in traffic will make the downtown much more livable and inviting.	9/15/2019 4:26 PM
58	In my opinion, I think a second bridge would help the businesses downtown. Due to the traffic and speed of that traffic, I hesitate to shop downtown- even though I would like to do so more. Especially, certain times of day as when school, the hospital, New Balance, etc. let out, driving downtown can be a challenge- and crossing the street can definitely be hard. I think a second bridge would help these problems.	9/15/2019 4:05 PM
59	Could/should make the downtown much more attractive for shoppers and visitors	9/15/2019 12:53 PM
60	I personally do not think we need one if you lived in the city I traffic it's nothing I live on the southside and normally I can get to Hannaford in 10 minutes	9/15/2019 10:44 AM
61	The advantages are obvious	9/15/2019 5:54 AM
62	Park downtown safely.now it is a great hazaard.I drive truck and going towards Norridgewock is a hazaard cause you have to swing wide left to avoid hitting curb with trailer tires and risk blowouts and rim damage.so you have to block both lanes pisses motorist off they sometimes try to get around you anyway.	9/14/2019 5:02 PM
63	The advantages are many, and there is no downside except cost.	9/14/2019 2:57 PM
64	Less noise and exhaust pollution!	9/14/2019 1:10 PM
65	There are no advantages that warrant the cost of another bridge. The money should be spent to maintain our existing infrastructure. It is not as if the population of Maine is exploding and we need more bridges immediately.	9/14/2019 1:05 PM
66	Nothing	9/14/2019 11:55 AM
67	I don't see any real advantages.	9/14/2019 10:15 AM
68	None	9/13/2019 5:20 PM
69	No Comment.	9/13/2019 9:02 AM
70	I personally believe that downtown will have more customers who visit their stores if the rotary is less busy. I do not shop there with 3 little kids for that reason.	9/12/2019 6:46 PM
71	Long time coming - thought this was to happen years ago. Can be very dangerous getting across.	9/12/2019 11:03 AM
72	I think a second bridge would solce all of these problems.	9/12/2019 10:59 AM
73	Downtown would be less hazardous for pedestrians.	9/12/2019 10:03 AM
74	More businesses, stores, restaurants, a reborn thriving downtown.	9/12/2019 8:38 AM

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75	There is no reason for an expensive new bridge. Expanding the old Margaret Chase Smith Bridge seems more reasonable! You already have the basic structure already there.	9/11/2019 2:51 PM
76	people are going to shop downtown no matter what. during busy times and heavy traffic I feel people are less likely to shop downtown due to congestion and all the tractor trailer truck traffic	9/11/2019 12:54 PM
77	I'd like to see the second bridge become a commercial vehicle (and passenger car) bridge and a ban of commercial vehicles across the Margaret chase smith bridges.	9/11/2019 12:18 PM
78	I feel that with all the heavy traffic out of downtown an excellent chance to make downtown grow and bring shopping back to downtown	9/11/2019 9:10 AM
79	Maybe a second bridge will reduce the amount of heavy truck traffic barreling down Madison Avenue. The speed and loads are well over the limits.	9/11/2019 8:51 AM
80	Redundancy in crossing the river	9/11/2019 8:49 AM
81	Less road rage causing less accidents. Increased or -positive impact on the local economy considering there was a very expensive study done that shows this. Also more people will shop in Skowhegan again, I personally do most of my shopping in Waterville, sure it's much further, but Waterville even with MORE traffic is much easier to get around because it is laid out better. I am not the ONLY one that chooses to shop in Waterville because of the ease of getting through traffic.	9/11/2019 8:16 AM
82	Less traffic congestion during certain times of the day.	9/11/2019 4:17 AM
83	Easier downtown traffic flow for people shopping downtown. Much better for those who need to travel through the town without needing to stop there.	9/11/2019 2:54 AM
84	Less stress on island bridges.	9/11/2019 2:28 AM

Q5 If a second bridge is constructed, where should it be located?

Answered: 316 Skipped: 73

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Out of town.	10/16/2019 5:08 AM
2	Come out by the Thi Restaurant	10/16/2019 5:08 AM
3	Not answered	10/16/2019 5:06 AM
4	Not answered	10/16/2019 5:06 AM
5	Not answered	10/16/2019 5:05 AM
6	On Rt. 2 near rest area and Twin River Camp Ground.	10/16/2019 5:04 AM
7	South of Town Crossing over the River and over Route 2. Somewhere Between the Eddie and the Picnic Area traffic could spin off onto Rte 2 or Continue North to 150 or 201. Frederick R. Godin 151 Madison Ave 207-431-1970	10/16/2019 5:00 AM
8	Somewhere before drive in (Rt 201) & Rt. 2?	10/16/2019 4:38 AM
9	Not answered	10/16/2019 4:36 AM
10	Out of downtown	10/15/2019 5:51 PM
11	A little out of town off route 201 south and exiting just down from the Eddie	10/15/2019 9:43 AM
12	Southeast of town on rt. 2 by the rest area and by Goodines garage on rt.201.	10/15/2019 9:38 AM
13	By the rest area on two	10/15/2019 9:33 AM
14	I believe there should not be a second bridge. If deemed necessary, the present bridge should be widened.	10/15/2019 9:17 AM
15	East of Skowhegan beyond the Eddy and before the rest area. On RT.201, place it south of the American Legion hall.	10/15/2019 8:13 AM
16	Not answered.	10/15/2019 6:39 AM
17	East of the eddie on Rt. 2. South by tractor store on 201.	10/15/2019 6:37 AM
18	See #2	10/15/2019 6:34 AM
19	Not answered.	10/15/2019 6:32 AM
20	East of town of 201 to Rt. 2.	10/15/2019 6:30 AM
21	Over the Kennebec River	10/15/2019 6:28 AM
22	From Route 201 before town to Route 2 beyond the Eddy.	10/15/2019 6:25 AM
23	EAST OF MALBON MILLS RD AND SOUTH OF DRIVE IN THEATER	10/15/2019 6:22 AM
24	East of town - below Eddy and South of drive-in.	10/15/2019 6:20 AM
25	Not answered.	10/15/2019 6:18 AM
26	The E3E location makes the most sense and as a result many past studies and planning was the chosen location. There are only 2 homes in the alignment and the river crossing is narrow. also again should a need arise in the future for a connector (bypass) the new bridge would be in alignment to do that as in the previous plan.	10/15/2019 6:17 AM
27	From my comment above, I feel the best placement would be east of the downtown, on Canaan Road (US Route 2) somewhere where the Route 2, the Kennebec, and Route 201 are closest together.	10/15/2019 5:25 AM
28	Off north ave. heading south to rt.201	10/14/2019 4:24 PM
29	That is what the MaineDOT and you should decide.	10/14/2019 7:57 AM

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30	Truck by-pass out of town. Otherwise the truck traffic remains in town and negatively impacts business and residential areas.	10/14/2019 7:08 AM
31	South of the existing bridge. South of New balance.	10/13/2019 4:56 PM
32	left of municipal building as facing it	10/13/2019 12:50 PM
33	Near the edie/coburn park	10/11/2019 12:23 PM
34	From Route 201 from the area across from the drive-in to cross Rt 2 near the rest area and connect to Rt 201 north. Or perhaps some place on Rt 2 near The Norridgewock town line to connect with Rt 201 past Ken's restaurant.	10/10/2019 11:34 AM
35	Nowhere	10/10/2019 9:41 AM
36	Where the walking bridge is behind Als Pizza or over West Front Market crossing to Pleasant Street.	10/9/2019 1:55 PM
37	Just another lane added to now bridge. Get the new fire station built and don't waste our money. This is the real world people. Truck haul product. Habit is in all of us. No one's going to change if you put a bridge way off somewhere and ruin people's homes and property.	10/9/2019 7:50 AM
38	need to consider where new safety building will be	10/9/2019 7:41 AM
39	East of town	10/9/2019 7:39 AM
40	South of the current bridge	10/9/2019 3:45 AM
41	At the best possible site which is best for the community.	10/9/2019 3:45 AM
42	My idea is for a commercial vehicle only toll collecting loop be constructed around the town. The loop would be south of Skowhegan on Route 201 crossing the Kennebec at a second bridge to the north side of town looping around back to itself utilizing a third bridge. The loop can be accessed at Route 2 West-outer West Front Street. Route 201-north side of town-upper Madison Avenue. Route 150-upper North Avenue. Route 2 East-outside of town Route 201 South below town and Route 104-Middle Road Commercial vehicles would only be allowed in town to conduct business. Tour buses and vans would be allowed in town. Well wishes to you all. -Gerald Bussell 72 North Avenue Skowhegan, ME 04976 gbussell71@gmail.com (207)659-2625	10/8/2019 8:30 AM
43	We don't have enough information to make that determination.	10/8/2019 7:21 AM
44	An area with the least impact on current landowners.	10/8/2019 2:36 AM
45	Rt. 2 to 201	10/7/2019 11:44 AM
46	Out of town before high school or on Route 2 to 201 to allow free flowing truck traffic	10/7/2019 11:43 AM
47	Where the walking bridge is located	10/7/2019 11:40 AM
48	Down by the eddy. We already have a bridge crossing the river in norridgewock	10/7/2019 9:16 AM
49	South of the current bridge but not real sure of the best location.	10/7/2019 4:06 AM
50	Above the walking bridge	10/6/2019 7:15 PM
51	I believe if only doing a second bridge without a bypass it should be located somewhere by the High School.	10/6/2019 10:38 AM
52	NOT down by the Eddy as that will only move the traffic congestion to residential streets like Malbons Mills and Dr Mann road.	10/6/2019 10:24 AM
53	Stick it up Greg Dore's ass, he's a crooked corrupt fuck. Most of the roads in town are shit but he still gets his paycheck.	10/6/2019 7:16 AM
54	Down by Coburn park	10/5/2019 9:26 AM
55	Downriver of the Big Eddy	10/4/2019 9:05 AM
56	East on route 2 below the eddy.	10/4/2019 8:44 AM
57	Out of town DOT should be able to figure the best route for travel and flow.	10/4/2019 7:46 AM
58	This decision should be left to professionals who know about waterways etc.	10/4/2019 7:11 AM
59	I'll leave that to the civil engineers.	10/4/2019 5:39 AM
60	In the Eddy area or below - maybe the current rest area on Rt. 2?	10/3/2019 7:56 AM

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61	I think should be constructed by the eddy.	10/3/2019 7:51 AM
62	Rt 2 Below Eddi	10/3/2019 7:50 AM
63	South of the Eddy. (downstream)	10/3/2019 7:49 AM
64	Down by the Eddy or even further down that same area.	10/3/2019 7:47 AM
65	It should cross the river and meet Water St. (Rt. 2) directly opposite North Ave. making a traffic light controlled 4-way intersection. May want to connect Madison Ave. (Rt. 201) with North Ave. (Rt. 150) somewhere above Giffords, perhaps near the Madison town line. Another option would be to cross the river where High Street meets Water Street.	10/3/2019 7:42 AM
66	In midle of water	10/3/2019 7:36 AM
67	Where ever it makes the most sence	10/3/2019 7:33 AM
68	North Avenue	10/3/2019 4:59 AM
69	south of the current bridge, connecting Route 201 to Route 2.	10/3/2019 3:45 AM
70	Across from Whittimores Equipment from Rt - 201 to Rt - 2 . That would at least divert Rt - 2 traffic from intown Skowhegan and maybe some of the pulp trucks.	10/2/2019 12:43 PM
71	In Wiscasset.	10/2/2019 11:25 AM
72	over the Eddy south of town...	10/2/2019 8:36 AM
73	I don't really guess we will have to have a special town meeting to discuss it	10/2/2019 6:33 AM
74	Connect 201 from about Poplar St. to 150 / North Ave.	10/1/2019 6:08 PM
75	Between Mount Pleasant Avenue and Route 2 at the intersection of Route 150. Veteran's Monument will need to be moved and homes on the south side of the river will need to be demolished. Send that traffic from 201 south right up 150 going north.	9/30/2019 2:59 PM
76	From 201 across the river at the eddy to route 2. Since the state has already done a feasible plan, I recommend that area to be the best area.	9/30/2019 8:00 AM
77	Off from Rt 201	9/30/2019 7:50 AM
78	There is no need for a second bridge.	9/30/2019 4:04 AM
79	Land should be available between Skowhegan & Norridgewock on each side of the river.	9/29/2019 11:46 AM
80	Somewhere across from the lower end of North Avenue so some traffic can be routed up North Ave.	9/29/2019 8:06 AM
81	South of the eddy.	9/28/2019 1:34 PM
82	across the kennebec directly in front of route 150 to mount pleasant	9/28/2019 11:35 AM
83	Closer to North Ave (150)	9/28/2019 6:57 AM
84	Refer back to comments on question 1	9/28/2019 2:24 AM
85	I hate to admit it, but it belongs across the gorge from North ave into the neighborhood behind Al's pizza. Do it well and it will improve the neighborhoods. Bring trucks across high street, NOT North ave to keep the truck traffic out of downtown and out of neighborhood.	9/27/2019 5:07 PM
86	south of eddy/ around rest area	9/27/2019 2:59 PM
87	Along route 2	9/27/2019 11:21 AM
88	Couldn't comment without an aerial view	9/27/2019 10:53 AM
89	The bridge should be in the area of the rest area and should also have a bypass to connect with RT 201 somewhere north of Ken's Restaurant.	9/27/2019 4:07 AM

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90	At the eddy away from downtown. How does it help to funnel more vehicles into downtown or the parking lot. Why do businesses have more rights than the citizens in skowhegan?? I know people who avoid downtown skowhegan than go there to shop. We have tried so hard to buy and support local businesses , unfortunately skowhegan downtown is really missing out on my dollars. Diverting trucks and locals who just need to get home you would have tourists and some locals left driving thru a quaint Maine downtown vs everyone enjoying Skowhegan the Bottleneck town!! Thank God for 201 I can avoid downtown like the plaque! Who's idea was it to put a school in the middle of a logging truck freeway?? was	9/26/2019 6:50 PM
91	below the eddy...traffic heading up above the Malbons Mills road connecting to Madison Ave north of Giffords	9/26/2019 6:19 PM
92	Down behind new balance near the yetti.	9/26/2019 9:20 AM
93	Do not consider a second bridge.	9/26/2019 9:18 AM
94	relocate veterans memorial. add new bridge with road south from end of north avenue to the center of French street.	9/25/2019 3:32 PM
95	the first place I would think be the Philbrick road my second would be the Dudley corner road last the boat landing witch may encloud all three but we need to keep RT150 in mind	9/25/2019 2:40 PM
96	from route 201 in vicinity of the drive-in and crossing the river near the eddy	9/25/2019 2:26 PM
97	Approximately 1 mile South of the existing Margaret Chase Smith bridges which would connect Rt.201 and Rt. 2	9/25/2019 2:03 PM
98	I liked the bypass solution. Move the bridge further away from the existing bridge!	9/25/2019 1:49 PM
99	201 to 150	9/25/2019 1:12 PM
100	The most feasible location. The engineers need to make the determination.	9/25/2019 12:52 PM
101	Downstream 1.5 to 2 miles.	9/25/2019 6:11 AM
102	Someware below the Eddie, but not to far from town.	9/24/2019 5:33 PM
103	need more info	9/24/2019 4:38 PM
104	Ask DOT!!!	9/24/2019 10:40 AM
105	East of town in area of Parkman Hill Road.	9/24/2019 10:16 AM
106	Perhaps east of town with a direct connection to Route 2. Property acquisition should be with consent. Eminent Domain should not be utilized.	9/24/2019 9:58 AM
107	Not thru my home.....	9/24/2019 8:39 AM
108	somewhere where it won't affect the waterway or habitat of animals. Put it where the town and city already is..	9/24/2019 7:24 AM
109	The last time it was popular, the popular route was from rt. 201 across to Rt 2. Between the Eddy and Cow Island. This gets my vote.	9/24/2019 7:15 AM
110	After the Eddie Somewhere but before the rest area	9/23/2019 1:29 PM
111	Near the Somerset Woods/Cleaver Landing Boat Landing	9/23/2019 1:27 PM
112	My opinion is East of the current bridge and further out of town. Also, as a resident I have seen many businesses leave down town to pursue a better location. Nobody wants to shop downtown. Everybody avoids it and shops elsewhere because of the traffic and parking. The sidewalks are uneven and dangerous in the winter time. If downtown was ever to thrive as a destination small store shopping area, we need to get the through traffic out of there. Make it shopper friendly instead of dangerous. If the bridge was build on Rt 2 East I think this would improve our downtown. However, improvements would need to be made at the intersection by Chinese Restaurant.	9/23/2019 6:36 AM
113	Through the selectpeoples houses.	9/23/2019 4:37 AM
114	Maybe on the Waterville road before getting into town. Again engineers and environmentalist can better answer that question.	9/22/2019 4:35 PM
115	By the Municipal Building so it comes out right by North Avenue.	9/22/2019 3:44 PM
116	North of North Ave, before Coburn Park	9/22/2019 10:53 AM

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117	Over the river! South of the eddie.	9/22/2019 8:55 AM
118	route 201	9/21/2019 11:07 PM
119	Needs to be placed with the connection onto Rt. 201 kept in mind. Maybe in the area of Walnut Street.	9/21/2019 11:55 AM
120	South of the current bridge. Or north of it. Anywhere, really.	9/20/2019 5:39 PM
121	French street to end by the town office across from north avenue	9/20/2019 1:56 PM
122	West of current bridge by a mile or more; perhaps past the High School complex.	9/20/2019 12:23 PM
123	No specific location in mind.	9/20/2019 11:07 AM
124	By the Town office so they can head up North Avenue.	9/20/2019 9:12 AM
125	wherever it reduces traffic on Madison Avenue	9/20/2019 7:26 AM
126	Waterville Road near Laney's	9/20/2019 6:53 AM
127	On Rt201, somewhere along near the Fitness Center and across to Rt2 where traffic can then go east or west.	9/20/2019 5:13 AM
128	RT 201 to RT 150	9/20/2019 3:45 AM
129	Anywhere south of Margaret Chase smith bridge.	9/20/2019 3:23 AM
130	Between the Big Eddy and the rest area would most likely be the least disruptive location, with maximum potential.	9/20/2019 1:50 AM
131	Behind the municipal building	9/19/2019 5:59 PM
132	OUT OF DOWNTOWN !!	9/19/2019 2:32 PM
133	On the down stream side	9/19/2019 2:31 PM
134	Down 201 further, maybe near New Balance, anywhere will help	9/19/2019 1:41 PM
135	Over the kennebec	9/19/2019 11:39 AM
136	South of the current bridge	9/19/2019 11:12 AM
137	From 201 (New Balance area) across to beginning of Rt 150	9/19/2019 8:58 AM
138	Anywhere that allows traffic to bypass downtown. Sorry... we just have to face it's never going to be vibrant.	9/19/2019 8:36 AM
139	That's a question for Engineers, not the general public who may have personal agendas that disregard the overall population and sense of community.	9/19/2019 8:31 AM
140	?	9/19/2019 7:44 AM
141	Somewhere that's convenient to the town of Skowhegan	9/19/2019 6:36 AM
142	not sure	9/19/2019 4:54 AM
143	See above	9/19/2019 4:39 AM
144	In my mind, this is the biggest problem. A real conundrum and I have no useful suggestions. Good luck!	9/19/2019 3:53 AM
145	possibly below the Eddie on rt 2 possibly straight ahead of north avenue possibly across from the high school	9/19/2019 3:23 AM
146	Route 2 near the eddy or by whitemores	9/18/2019 6:08 PM
147	From Rt. 2 to Rt. 201	9/18/2019 5:51 PM
148	Directy across from route 150. Between the law office and municipal building.	9/18/2019 3:46 PM
149	Near the great eddy	9/18/2019 3:21 PM
150	From somewhere on the 201 south of Skowhegan to the 201 north of Skowhegan.	9/18/2019 3:13 PM
151	beside the town office	9/18/2019 2:56 PM
152	By federated church	9/18/2019 2:56 PM

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153	Just below the Eddy	9/18/2019 7:23 AM
154	across the river where it makes good sense with the least disruption to people and businesses	9/18/2019 6:24 AM
155	I don't believe there should be a second bridge constructed	9/18/2019 4:54 AM
156	Have it go between the High School and UMaine Co-Op Extension on the Norridgwock Rd.	9/18/2019 4:53 AM
157	On the lower part the eddy before two rivers camp ground.	9/18/2019 3:29 AM
158	From the Eddy to the water station connecting rt 201 to rt 2	9/18/2019 12:15 AM
159	Down near the Eddy???	9/17/2019 5:08 PM
160	South of downtown.	9/17/2019 4:32 PM
161	Not sure.	9/17/2019 4:21 PM
162	Some place in line with the traffic studies and determined by experts, but also restricted by its affect on Run of River, local landmarks like the Great Eddy, etc. If the bridge is done in a unique and attractive way and is worthy of visitor interest, then closer to downtown is probably best. Finding the balance of getting through-traffic out of downtown, calming or eliminating traffic on Water Street, yet making the downtown accessible for visitors is key. A calm, pedestrian dominated downtown will draw business. A second bridge should be placed where it increases the opportunity to calm/eliminate downtown traffic and move it to parking areas adjacent to downtown.	9/17/2019 4:18 PM
163	Not in the downtown area.	9/17/2019 3:15 PM
164	Close to the firstone	9/17/2019 1:54 PM
165	Down the river, south of Eddy	9/17/2019 12:23 PM
166	Should be located between route 201 and route 2. East side of Skowhegan.	9/17/2019 11:27 AM
167	below the eddy	9/17/2019 11:10 AM
168	Oh, I suppose near North AVE and then you have down by the eddy and then further down river.	9/17/2019 10:37 AM
169	Connected to the East River Road	9/17/2019 6:06 AM
170	Not in the Kennebec Gorge. Perhaps upstream towards Norridgewock	9/17/2019 5:55 AM
171	Rt. 2 to Rt. 201.	9/17/2019 5:30 AM
172	Below the Eddy	9/17/2019 4:05 AM
173	Mt pleasant ave to rt2	9/16/2019 4:37 PM
174	Between the boat landing and the eddy.	9/16/2019 4:08 PM
175	Lots of consideration needs to be taken with this option! Currently I worry more about what the River Fest will do to my quiet neighborhood then a new bridge but I am sure others are more concerned of the possibly of having to relocate to allow a bridge to be built with a truck route bypassing the town. In either case I believe that the traffic flow needs to be studied and the creation of a truck route that can pass easily through the town limits for this to be effective. Just a new bridge will not fix the situation! Having trucks turn off Madison Avenue at Cumby's, crossing Route 150 coming out onto Water Street is not the way to go, needs to be further north on Madison Avenue, past Walmart if possible as that area can bottleneck and be just as treacherous as the island bridges. Especially with the speed folks drive up Madison Avenue! Trucks typically use Routes 2 and 201 so it only makes sense that it has to connect the 2 highways which means probably over the Kennebec down stream perhaps by the Rest Area beyond the gorge downstream of the eddy, I do not endorse the destruction of a natural phenomenon! I cannot think of a route upstream of the island bridges that would be effective and that would undoubtedly create issues with the school/rec area traffic and I do want to see our children kept safe. Be smart, do the research and next time you send out a feasibility survey you might try to add more detail so folks understand the full content and also make sure it functions as intended. Thank you (a resident of Mount Pleasant Ave)	9/16/2019 3:16 PM
176	Would have to see tentative plans and traffic consequences before deciding. In other words ...i have no idea	9/16/2019 1:11 PM
177	Cross near colburn park	9/16/2019 12:53 PM
178	Route 2 over towards route 201	9/16/2019 12:41 PM

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179	Out of town on the East side.	9/16/2019 11:49 AM
180	honestly there would be some benefit by adding another bridge on either side of the existing bridge. Without knowing #'s based on recent study I can only go based on knowing that currently route 2 East and 201 South are already designed to handle alot of traffic and so a bridge to meet those 2 roads may be more affordable? I do not know if the River Rd across the river from route 2 West is designed for that, if not that could be another expense if bridge were built to meet those roads.	9/16/2019 11:16 AM
181	Where the study committee suggests.	9/16/2019 10:58 AM
182	From 201 to Route 2 (east of the park) or from route 2 to the road that goes past the Maine extension office (Norridgewalk Avenue)	9/16/2019 10:02 AM
183	From Water street to the Waterville Rd.	9/16/2019 9:19 AM
184	Further down the river maybe closer to the police station area Crossing toward New Balance. An it should be something unique. that could provide a tourist photo-op.	9/16/2019 8:59 AM
185	don't know- maybe somewhere near the campground?	9/16/2019 8:54 AM
186	before the eddy	9/16/2019 7:36 AM
187	I'm not sure what the options are or what has been thought about.	9/16/2019 6:50 AM
188	Route 2 East of Skowhegan, as close as possible to existing bridge, which would enable traffic from Route 201 that wanted to by pass the Tow of Skowhegan.	9/16/2019 6:29 AM
189	Where it doesn't affect the operation of businesses and take homes	9/16/2019 6:00 AM
190	Where it doesn't effect private homes.	9/16/2019 5:59 AM
191	closer to SAPPI so their trucks do not have to go over the current bridge.	9/16/2019 5:46 AM
192	Next to the town office or wallace development	9/16/2019 5:01 AM
193	Next to the Municipal building to connect to 150 & 2.	9/16/2019 4:57 AM
194	I'd love to see you purchase the law office beside the town office and cross the river there. Certainly, homes on the other side will be impacted, but	9/16/2019 4:43 AM
195	The original plan I heard about was to locate the bridge below the Eddy. That should work. I think it should be built to allow the North and South traffic to flow around town.	9/16/2019 4:22 AM
196	Down river from Skowhegan.	9/16/2019 2:18 AM
197	locals should stay out of this as well as having as little politics as posable, engineers are far more suited to this then salesmen or political studies.	9/16/2019 12:27 AM
198	Anywhere, just build one	9/15/2019 5:13 PM
199	Not sure	9/15/2019 5:01 PM
200	Off Philbrick way to a bypass north around them Albion's mills road then west to 201 north of kens restaurant.	9/15/2019 4:28 PM
201	Build a spur just south of the White School corner on rte 201, connecting it with rte. 150, crossing rte 150 and the malbon's mills road to a new bridge near the confluence of the Wesserunset stream and the Kennebec and reconnecting with rte. 201 west of the river.	9/15/2019 4:26 PM
202	Close to the current one	9/15/2019 4:14 PM
203	I think engineers should make decisions regarding the location. They understand the feasibility of the location better than I do. Tourist have no intention of stopping at a car dealership on their way back to their state or Canada to buy a car. Perhaps if there was less traffic (big trucks, etc), more townspeople would be drawn to downtown. So if the bridge takes traffic away from downtown, I do not think it would make any impact-hopefully, it would channel the big trucks and tourist traffic away	9/15/2019 4:05 PM
204	South side from 201 to rt 2	9/15/2019 3:59 PM
205	Rte 2 headed to Canaan	9/15/2019 3:53 PM

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206	Where the current large walking bridge is. Down the side street of Als Pizza, bridge where walming bridge is, then road out behind Thai restaurant. That doesnt cut out downtown businesses and in fact bringa traffic right to it.	9/15/2019 3:32 PM
207	Close enough to encourage tourism to Skowhegan and far enough away to avoid trucks and vehicles simply passing through	9/15/2019 12:53 PM
208	Out of business area.	9/15/2019 12:32 PM
209	Past the eddy further up on route 2	9/15/2019 12:19 PM
210	Ideally north or south of the town.	9/15/2019 12:08 PM
211	Connecting route 2 to 201 by the eddy	9/15/2019 10:52 AM
212	up past the drive in on 201 so the truck going to sappi will not need to go over the bridges we now have	9/15/2019 10:48 AM
213	No opinion	9/15/2019 10:44 AM
214	From waterville road us 201 straight across to the existing rest are across from the dot garage on route 2	9/15/2019 10:23 AM
215	out of town.	9/15/2019 8:47 AM
216	In the eddy area	9/15/2019 6:29 AM
217	Maybe somewhere near the walking bridge, or down by the eddy. I'm sure walter hight will make the right decision for him and we will just learn over the decades to get used to it. I honestly hope a 2nd bridge happens but I'm really only being a little sarcastic here with my comments. For years walter hight has ran skowhegan and he hasn't wanted a bridge so low and behold there isn't one. I wish us all luck because we really need a 2nd bridge	9/15/2019 5:54 AM
218	At the edy	9/15/2019 5:13 AM
219	Downtown	9/15/2019 5:12 AM
220	That's for the geologists to figure out.	9/15/2019 4:48 AM
221	outside of town, heading towards cannan	9/15/2019 3:18 AM
222	The plan I heard is to route US201 South through Jewett Street onto North Avenue with a river crossing somewhere east of the Municipal Building and joining US201 somewhere near the Drive-In. US 2 west bound could merge with this at the Water Street intersection and onto East Front Street at that intersection. Priority traffic controls would be needed in several locations.	9/15/2019 3:06 AM
223	Downstream side of town but please avoid the area slated for a whitewater park	9/15/2019 2:17 AM
224	I believe a second bridge on the outskirts of town from the area of rt. 201 across to rt. 2 would be good just below the eddy or in that vicinity. Anyone wanting to go out rt. 2 toward the Canaan area and those wanting to go north toward Cornville would not have to fight the traffic we now have on the bridges. Those who might want to get to the businesses in town still could but easier.	9/14/2019 7:19 PM
225	Wherever feasible.	9/14/2019 5:02 PM
226	A second bridge should be located next to the municipal building. Right at the intersection of route 2 and 150	9/14/2019 3:51 PM
227	Either up by the school or down by the drive in	9/14/2019 3:48 PM
228	Where all 3 Highways can join together and avoid town???? Or two new bridges one north one south....	9/14/2019 3:48 PM
229	Wherever it gives Rt. 2 a bypass around downtown Skowhegan.	9/14/2019 3:43 PM
230	East side of the town hall. Straight across from rt 150 to mt pleasant ave to French st. To east front	9/14/2019 3:28 PM
231	1. Extend North Avenue 2. Extend the Malbans Mill Road across the eddy. 3. Somewhere further south on route 2 near the boat landing	9/14/2019 2:57 PM
232	Somewhere in the vicinity of the high school. This would help with school traffic. I think the trickiest parts of the day are before school starts and the two hours or so after school lets out.	9/14/2019 2:30 PM
233	On the Eddie	9/14/2019 2:08 PM
234	Below the eddy	9/14/2019 2:03 PM

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235	That is the big question. Somewhere over gorge and connect into North Avenue? As a bypass would be a negative impact to downtown economics and the river corridor of located below the Eddy I am very glad that it is not an option being evaluated.	9/14/2019 1:41 PM
236	Near boat landing/ rest area RT 2.	9/14/2019 1:28 PM
237	I believe the new bridge should cross the Kennebec somewhere near the area of the rest area located on Rt. 2 and rejoin Rt. 201 near "Greatest Scapes".	9/14/2019 1:11 PM
238	One below the eddy and one up river of the high school.	9/14/2019 1:10 PM
239	Over the top of the existing bridge.	9/14/2019 1:05 PM
240	It would be an engineering feat but east of town over the eddy with the passage around town skirting South Side areas, Bigelow Hill and behind SAHS with exits on to 201 and Rt. 2 West of SAHS. All the same, hard to find a positive cost benefit analysis for any new bridge.	9/14/2019 12:39 PM
241	Down by the municipal building, no ice out problem like that one years back. Driving to Norridgework to go across town is and was the pits. THANK YOU FOR asking.	9/14/2019 12:23 PM
242	One-half mile south of the walking bridge (the old railroad bridge).	9/14/2019 12:18 PM
243	Don't want a second bridge.	9/14/2019 11:55 AM
244	Not sure but something needs to happen ASAP	9/14/2019 11:40 AM
245	At the Eddy or beyond Skowhegan Savings Bank	9/14/2019 11:23 AM
246	Given that soon all schools will be on one campus I feel the bridge should be where this increased bus traffic can best be accommodated. Thus do not feel the highly talked about "Southern site off of 201 S" is necessarily the best site. The site should be up closer to the school and where the traffic headed into Skowhegan from the north-201 and 150 can be accommodated.	9/14/2019 10:41 AM
247	That is the elephant in the room.	9/14/2019 10:38 AM
248	down across the eddy to end up on the Waterville rd. from the cannan rd.	9/14/2019 10:31 AM
249	Not in the downtown area, that should have bee done 30 years ago.	9/14/2019 10:15 AM
250	See comments in 2	9/14/2019 10:14 AM
251	Just after the veterans memorial	9/14/2019 10:10 AM
252	Any place that will have the least impact on local businesses.	9/14/2019 9:11 AM
253	South of the Eddy, but not too far from the center of town.	9/14/2019 9:02 AM
254	Up river.	9/14/2019 8:38 AM
255	By the municable building	9/14/2019 8:00 AM
256	SOME PLACE THAT IT DOES NOT AFFECT THE ENVIRONMENT AND DESTROY A BEAUTIFUL SECTION OF ROUTE 2 AND THE KENNEBEC RIVER. WE DON'T REALLY NEED ANOTHER BRIDGE. THE IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOWN WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL	9/14/2019 7:52 AM
257	Route 2 near eddy where it was discussed years ago,	9/14/2019 6:51 AM
258	Since the primary reason for a 2nd bridge is to detour trucks from the downtown area it the detour route should start somewhere north of the town on rt201 and exit south of town on rt201. The actual bridge would exit/start from rt2 somewhere southeast of the big eddy on the river.	9/14/2019 6:51 AM
259	Possibly by the water treatment plant	9/14/2019 6:34 AM
260	across from upper North Avenue and cross somewhere on the Waterville Road prior to the Sappi mill.	9/14/2019 5:38 AM
261	Near the rest area on Route 2 east of Skowhegan, connecting on the south side of Route 201.	9/14/2019 2:56 AM
262	by the Eddy	9/13/2019 2:12 PM
263	Bye the Eddie	9/13/2019 1:35 PM
264	Not sure	9/13/2019 9:03 AM
265	Don't do it.	9/13/2019 9:02 AM

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266	By the Eddy	9/13/2019 7:20 AM
267	down town	9/13/2019 5:20 AM
268	east of the kennebec banks rest area	9/13/2019 4:00 AM
269	Connect downtown with Rte 201 so log trucks can bypass downtown and travel directly to SAPPI	9/13/2019 2:29 AM
270	Just east of the municipal Building is the logical spot. North Avenue is likely the Street of business expansion in the future if the Town grows. Fewer homes and businesses will be affected if we go down French St, across the old Dexter Shoe Parking lot and across the river. The Veterans Memorial will have to be moved to another location. Trucks can cross over to Madison Avenue on Jewett St as many do now.	9/12/2019 9:17 PM
271	Rt 150/North Ave and Water St intersection across the river and diverted up French St or Cedar St.	9/12/2019 6:46 PM
272	It should be located just south of commerce dr. in Skowhegan and connect with rt 201 just north of Skowhegan	9/12/2019 12:55 PM
273	Where ever works!	9/12/2019 11:03 AM
274	Not sure. Somewhere where New Balance traffic could have access to both.	9/12/2019 10:59 AM
275	E3E Location - Connect to 201.	9/12/2019 10:03 AM
276	Rt. 2 rest area, DOT. with a highway cutting up through Malbons Mill. and coming out at Giffords - VIP auto on Rt. 201 North. Think big or give up again. We can clean up some urban blight along the way and get those folks in some nice housing. Change is a good thing.	9/12/2019 8:38 AM
277	It should cross down by the current MDOT on Route 2 past the Rest Area.	9/12/2019 7:30 AM
278	over the Kennebec river	9/12/2019 4:18 AM
279	An exit off from Rt #201 near the Big Eddy, and north near the Malbons Mills Rd.	9/12/2019 2:04 AM
280	Where log trucks could get to Sappi without going through town	9/12/2019 1:13 AM
281	Closer to Sappi	9/12/2019 12:48 AM
282	From near high school on Rt 2	9/11/2019 3:53 PM
283	I dont feel that a second bridge will have a great impact. It may divert some vehicles, but a major flow of traffic is rt 201 and would still cause traffic congestion wherever the new bridge was located.	9/11/2019 3:35 PM
284	Next to the present walking bridge not down the river 2 miles! The congestion is in Skowhegan. Keep the bridge in downtown Skowhegan! Second choice is by the Eddie near Coburn Park.	9/11/2019 2:51 PM
285	Bye the Eddie	9/11/2019 2:48 PM
286	Below downtown, before the eddy	9/11/2019 2:25 PM
287	east or downriver from current bridges	9/11/2019 1:54 PM
288	East of the downtown at minimum. Certainly not up Norridgewock Avenue! Neither Pleasant St nor Elm St. can handle the traffic flow now, never mind with added trucks.	9/11/2019 1:09 PM
289	any where between post office and the eddy and then on the other side by whittemores or after	9/11/2019 12:54 PM
290	Not sure... near the eddy?	9/11/2019 12:18 PM
291	By the "Eddy"	9/11/2019 12:15 PM
292	Some where near the boat landing and rest area.	9/11/2019 10:09 AM
293	At the end of north ave	9/11/2019 9:42 AM
294	Rt 2	9/11/2019 9:18 AM
295	Between the walking bridge and Colbert park. Perhaps north street being the exit entry point.	9/11/2019 9:17 AM
296	Down by the boat landing to get log trucks out from downtown and New Balance traffic away from town	9/11/2019 9:10 AM
297	Just east of town, below the great eddy. Connecting route 201 by SSF to route 201 up beyond the Madison line.	9/11/2019 8:54 AM

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298	somewhere off of east river rd	9/11/2019 8:51 AM
299	The place that involves the least amount of private lands	9/11/2019 8:49 AM
300	Over the river.	9/11/2019 8:38 AM
301	Behind the town office across from Dublin donuts	9/11/2019 8:35 AM
302	I don't know and that's why I can't agree to it at this time	9/11/2019 8:33 AM
303	It should bypass the downtown area.	9/11/2019 8:31 AM
304	There is no one ideal spot to resolve our current issue, what we really need are 2 new bridges, that and only that is going to resolve our current issue. As we heard at the meeting last night, truck traffic from numerous locations will be increasing a great deal. Also if we have that total waste of money Run of River and it actually draws more than a dozen people a week, it will increase traffic a great deal too. Time to stop talking about this and FINALLY get it done so we can start talking about the 3rd bridge we so desperately need too.	9/11/2019 8:16 AM
305	Whatever is determined to be the most cost-effective location.	9/11/2019 6:10 AM
306	I don't think there is a 'good' answer to this question. Hence, I think if we could widen the existing flow adding one or two lanes and arc them to prevent another flood from impacting the roads, change the traffic flow from the rotary style that we have to something similar to what we do when we block off Water St for annual events - Rt 201 traffic turn left and Rt 2/150/local traffic go through town.	9/11/2019 5:20 AM
307	Downtown near the veterans monument.	9/11/2019 5:05 AM
308	A wider bridge should be placed in the existing location. If an alternate location is needed it should be up river from the dam. The area below the dam extending to the E River road is one of the most scenic areas of the town. Under no circumstances should a dam be placed in this area.	9/11/2019 4:32 AM
309	Skowhegan is a crossroads town with major routes coming together. I don't believe there is a good place for a bridge that would not impact neighborhoods greatly and cause a need for many diverted roadways.	9/11/2019 4:17 AM
310	downtown location near the veterans memorial	9/11/2019 3:54 AM
311	A second bridge should be connected to a bypass around the downtown and if that's not going to be a reality, the second bridge should be located at the end of North Avenue	9/11/2019 2:54 AM
312	East of the Great Eddy.	9/11/2019 2:53 AM
313	That's for you to decide!	9/11/2019 2:28 AM
314	Near the Eddy, off Rt. 2	9/11/2019 2:02 AM
315	No idea!	9/5/2019 2:08 AM
316	As close to the downtown as feasible.	9/4/2019 10:23 AM