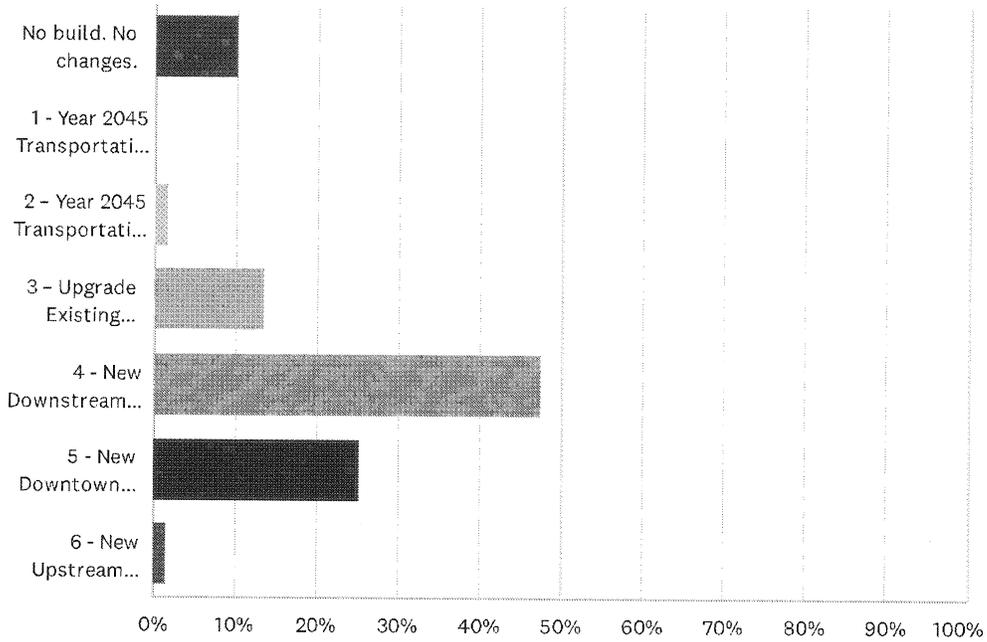


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Q1 Which of the following alternatives do you most prefer?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No build. No changes.	10.17%	6
1 - Year 2045 Transportation System Management (TSM) Improvements	0.00%	0
2 - Year 2045 Transportation Demand Management (TDM)	1.69%	1
3 - Upgrade Existing Crossing	13.56%	8
4 - New Downstream Crossing	47.46%	28
5 - New Downtown Crossing	25.42%	15
6 - New Upstream Crossing	1.69%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>59</b>

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### Q2 Please tell us why you selected the answer above:

Answered: 54    Skipped: 6

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	because I think there are other alternatives not referenced	7/14/2020 12:36 PM
2	Most likely to have a positive impact on traffic congestion on the island.	7/9/2020 5:02 PM
3	To relieve traffic congestion coming into and going through town.. I was involved in an accident with a tractor trailer truck at the intersection after the second bridge. He dragged my car, through no fault of mine, quite a ways. It was a very frightening experience that I don't wish for anyway.	7/8/2020 8:32 PM
4	Need second bridge.	7/8/2020 5:42 AM
5	Traffic still near downtown so businesses can still benefit.	7/7/2020 3:37 PM
6	Move some traffic out of the downtown area	7/7/2020 2:37 PM
7	Keeps trucks furthest away from Skowhegan (but benefit may not be that great); low impact to property owners; other alternatives too much within the town and while those are cheaper, they would still allow too many trucks in downtown area	7/7/2020 2:25 PM
8	By pass worked well for other towns	7/6/2020 7:41 PM
9	We should not be impacting protected lands, recreation and residences to build a new bridge that doesn't really solve the problems anyway. Work with large traffic sources to better coordinate peak traffic times.	7/6/2020 4:49 PM
10	Seems to do more of what is needed, and will allow for the eventual construction of a bypass! The Downtown choice just congests both ends of Water Street and does nothing to eliminate that Downtown cluster-@%!%.	7/6/2020 3:02 PM
11	We need a new upstream and a new downstream crossing. This has been put off for so long, that we should be discussing the third bridge by now.	7/6/2020 12:13 PM
12	I feel it is important not to divert traffic through our downtown area which hopefully is beginning to see a resurgence, this would be the nail in the coffin for downtown.	7/6/2020 12:00 PM
13	Does not seem that any of the choices substantially move traffic from the downtown area. That is the primary desire. Perhaps in a few years, Skowhegan will create a long range plan that will address the problem?	7/6/2020 11:33 AM
14	Because it doesn't interfere with the Veterans park located next to the Town Office to include noise in the Down Town Area.	7/6/2020 11:26 AM
15	To get trucks out of downtown - it was not designed to handle trucks the way it is right now.	7/6/2020 11:09 AM
16	This crossing has the greatest reduction in traffic crossing the existing bridges. It is the least expensive. It does not destroy the Route 2 entrance to the town.	7/6/2020 8:14 AM
17	A new bridge downstream of the eddy will have the most positive impact to lessen the current traffic count of the island bridges as well as congestion in town. It will also be a better location for future traffic control should it become necessary. Unless the bridge is located out off town it will do very little to solve the congestion we have in town and on the existing bridges.	7/4/2020 8:56 PM
18	None of the proposed solutions address the primary need, which is to redirect heavy commercial traffic away from the historic core of the downtown area.	7/4/2020 2:42 PM
19	#5 will have the most impact on congestion, therefore affecting safety.	7/2/2020 9:26 AM
20	To keep it less visible from town and the walking bridge.	7/1/2020 11:29 AM
21	Best alternative	7/1/2020 10:04 AM

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22	Seems like the best alternative.	6/30/2020 7:52 PM
23	Although none of the options will resolve all of the traffic issues of concern, option 5, anticipated to get the most use, would appear to be the most practical option.	6/30/2020 3:15 PM
24	Greater access from the Waterville Road to the other side of the river without having to go through downtown with all the congestion.	6/30/2020 8:47 AM
25	this plan offers the greatest value with a lower impact on the town.	6/29/2020 1:00 PM
26	I don't think that traffic through Skowhegan is as bad as is being made out to be.	6/28/2020 9:02 AM
27	Walter says so	6/27/2020 8:20 PM
28	less impact on local bussinesses and homes	6/27/2020 6:58 PM
29	Biggest impact on traffic flow through downtown	6/27/2020 5:50 PM
30	Biggest impact in dispersing traffic flow across the river	6/27/2020 5:50 PM
31	Creating a 2nd bridge without a bypass makes little to no sense. We know a bypass isn't going to be approved, so why are we trying to make an unworkable solution, work? Option 4 will bring all rerouted traffic into downtown via Water St./ High St and the intersection of Madison Avenue/Pleasant St./High St. Option 6 will bring all rerouted traffic down the Norridgewock Rd to the same Mad Ave/Pleasant St/High St intersection. Please tell me how moving "x" amount of rerouted traffic up one block from the bridge will expedite things? Too much traffic will be backed up at Cumberland Farms intersection any way you look at it. A new Downtown Crossing..... Either railroad bridge area or North Ave area will still back up traffic significantly. I was on the 2nd Bridge committee back in the '90s. We went through all the scenarios, and still never got anywhere. To me, Option 3 makes complete sense. Widen both bridge decks to 2 lanes in each direction. Southbound stays as is. Northbound queues up lane directions ON the island. RIGHT lane dedicated for Local traffic, and Rt2E or Rt150 bound. LEFT lane dedicated to go UP Madison Avenue. Limited amount of real estate needs to be purchased. Widen Southside turning radius at the shopping center; take unneeded frontage at CMP; MOVE the FireStation (which we have known since 1987 needs to be relocated); purchase Absolutely Graphics and Folsom Used Cars; purchase LaCasse building and/or former Driving School building on Northside to accomplish proper turning radius Have coordinated lights including new one at Commercial/Elm/Mad Ave intersection. Why hasn't this been discussed more as a PRIMARY option?	6/27/2020 4:50 PM
32	It is the most progressive solution. However, there are so few details on that, the more pragmatic solution is the new downtown crossing.	6/27/2020 12:20 PM
33	Financial responsibility, it solves nothing without a bypass for trucks and thru traffic.	6/27/2020 8:53 AM
34	It's the alternative which has more pros than cons.	6/27/2020 7:56 AM
35	Heavy truck traffic would be routed away from the downtown section of the city thereby reducing wear on the existing island bridges and creating a safer traffic environment for motorists in general.	6/27/2020 7:37 AM
36	Traffic isn't that bad	6/26/2020 1:58 PM
37	It takes care of where the problem is located.	6/26/2020 1:22 PM
38	Far to much traffic on a single bridge. Your own studies show we need one and have for some time now. No more delays, get it done.	6/26/2020 11:05 AM
39	Most logical place to put it given traffic demand	6/26/2020 11:04 AM
40	least expensive and shortest distance across the river.	6/26/2020 11:00 AM
41	If you take the traffic away from down town all businesses will suffer. Either leave it alone or improve the existing crossing.	6/26/2020 9:01 AM
42	It will have the greatest impact on MCS Bridge traffic.	6/26/2020 8:56 AM
43	This alternative seems to be the best solution for getting thru traffic around town ,while letting shopping traffic easy access to downtown	6/26/2020 4:35 AM
44	As we learned during the great flood of 87, there really NEEDS to be a bypass bridge near or in	6/25/2020 11:27 PM

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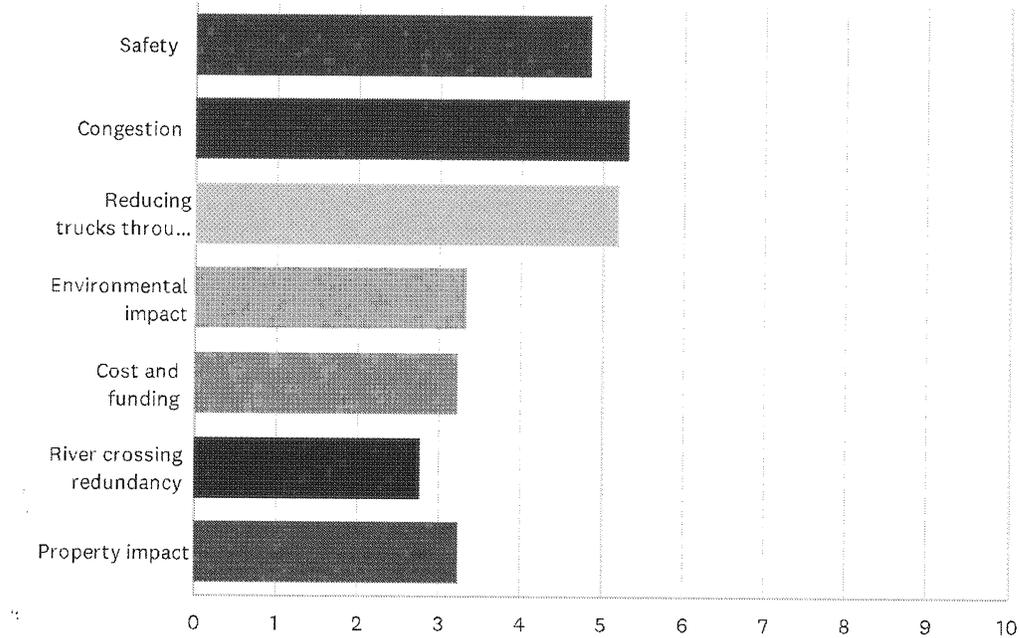
the town. This would aid in lessening congestion and increase the ability of first responders to get from one side of the River to other.

45	Divert tractor trailer trucks out of town	6/25/2020 10:22 PM
46	To still keep vehicles in town but move more efficiently	6/25/2020 9:06 PM
47	Need to redirect the congestion from when new balance and the high school is released. The bridge also needs to help out medical and fire department in the calls	6/25/2020 9:05 PM
48	To alleviate congestion of traffic in the downtown area during certain hours of the day.	6/25/2020 8:54 PM
49	With so many trucks coming to town he deployed mill. Each day it would make the current bridges less congested	6/25/2020 8:45 PM
50	To relieve congestion in town, name to get the logging trucks out of downtown Skowhegan altogether. Additionally, it's a safety issue. What if there's a fire at 3:30 and the firetrucks are locked in a traffic jam?	6/25/2020 8:44 PM
51	Because it will stop the water park.. and a bridge is a bridge..	6/25/2020 8:43 PM
52	LONG OVERDUE	6/25/2020 8:38 PM
53	How is the intended downtown crossing impacting the proposed new police station which also has an option in that same area.	6/25/2020 7:45 PM
54	The option that has the best traffic reduction, just as long as we can not interfere with the white water park.	6/25/2020 7:42 PM

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Q3 Please rank the following in terms of importance to you:

Answered: 58    Skipped: 2



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL	SCORE
Safety	11.32% 6	26.42% 14	30.19% 16	15.09% 8	7.55% 4	5.66% 3	3.77% 2	53	4.87
Congestion	37.04% 20	20.37% 11	12.96% 7	11.11% 6	9.26% 5	5.56% 3	3.70% 2	54	5.33
Reducing trucks through downtown	24.14% 14	32.76% 19	20.69% 12	6.90% 4	3.45% 2	1.72% 1	10.34% 6	58	5.21
Environmental impact	9.09% 5	3.64% 2	10.91% 6	12.73% 7	29.09% 16	21.82% 12	12.73% 7	55	3.35
Cost and funding	7.41% 4	3.70% 2	9.26% 5	24.07% 13	18.52% 10	14.81% 8	22.22% 12	54	3.24
River crossing redundancy	7.41% 4	5.56% 3	5.56% 3	14.81% 8	5.56% 3	29.63% 16	31.48% 17	54	2.80
Property impact	5.45% 3	9.09% 5	10.91% 6	12.73% 7	23.64% 13	20.00% 11	18.18% 10	55	3.27

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### Q4 Any other advice or input?

Answered: 28 Skipped: 32

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Maintain existing bridge better. Keep up with line painting more than 1 time per yr. Often you will find out of staters driving in the middle of the 2 lanes going south. this cuts tragic flow in half. Ask either the school or New Balance to change the dismissal time. 2:30 and 3:00 are to close together. Improve timing on the stop lights . In short make the best of what we have dont spend money we dont have on things we dont need . If the concern is trucks speeding down town enforce the law. There are some town with zero tolerance for speeding witch results in very few speeders	7/14/2020 12:36 PM
2	Please get the second bridge built downstream soon, it is way past due.	7/8/2020 8:32 PM
3	Need to reduce truck traffic and congestion downtown so that people are more likely to stop and shop or walk.	7/8/2020 5:42 AM
4	Make sure large trucks use the new bridge primarily.	7/7/2020 3:37 PM
5	Focus on people management, not new infrastructure	7/6/2020 4:49 PM
6	let us call it like it needs be. We need the by-pass. Once we get the trucks out of downtown, the downtown will be boom. Look at other places that have had by-passes, especially the vibrant downtown of Rockland!	7/6/2020 3:02 PM
7	Build the bridge, enough delays. Enough studies have been done and you all know it's needed so STOP the delay tactics.	7/6/2020 12:13 PM
8	I don't really see any importance to the ranking system.	7/6/2020 12:00 PM
9	Find a way to divert truck traffic from downtown and make the area more safe and friendly for businesses. What about a bypass?	7/6/2020 11:33 AM
10	If you build it they will use it no matter what kind of projected numbers being used. Build it outside of the Down Town area.	7/6/2020 11:26 AM
11	Deliveries are more than enough for traffic flow. Too many inpatient people out there, sadly truckers only add to the passenger vehicle drivers by blowing their horn at them for extended period of time. Would be great to not have pot holes on Madison Avenue by routing truckers as well.	7/6/2020 11:09 AM
12	I do not believe that the public hearing held by zoom/facebook was appropriate for this important issue with the town. Too many people are not computer literate or on facebook or have the ability to use zoom. I understand with COVID-19, that you were unable to hold a real public hearing but this was a disservice to our community.	7/6/2020 8:14 AM
13	Lets get this done, as the DOT commissioner said " the second bridge in Skowhegan is way past due "	7/4/2020 8:56 PM
14	I get that the subject is verboten, but a bypass solution linking I-95 to 201 north of town, and upgrading the latter to interstate standards, is the best long-term solution for the town, both to reinforce the property tax base and to attract more new residents to our town and more tourism to the area. Tourism is Maine's no. 1 industry, but interior Maine does not get its fair share. A better route to our region and to eastern Quebec will strengthen Skowhegan's position as the gateway to Maine's interior recreational areas and foster economic growth. Removing heavy commercial traffic is a keystone element of any serious effort to increase Skowhegan's "curb appeal" for tourists and residents alike by adopting proven urban planning strategies to rejuvenate the downtown core.	7/4/2020 2:42 PM
15	Still think a new by pass is the best , anyone wanting to go down town will, Many businesses have been in same location for years.	6/30/2020 7:52 PM
16	Anyone can call me to discuss. I was out of town and couldn't attend the meeting. Andy	6/27/2020 4:50 PM

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17	To do the downtown crossing well, attention would need to focus on the pedestrian/bicycle transportation components, overall beauty of the bridge and impacts on new traffic flow to in town neighborhoods. Change can make these neighborhoods better. It would be worth having the existing (or another) consultants provide some urban planning advice in conjunction with this bridge and town plan. People want enjoyable in town living and that takes architectural planning to realize its benefits. Existing bridge upgrade may also be effective, IF we are willing to stop the silly rotary traffic flow pattern, but that is another story...Happy to be done with bypass idea which reflects old outdated, sentimental thinking. Happy to hear DOT is frowning on it as well. Thanks for everyone's great work and persistence on this. The status quo is not in keeping with our potential.	6/27/2020 12:20 PM
18	Our federal and state money could spent wiser, or not at all.	6/27/2020 8:53 AM
19	I've lived in Skowhegan for over 45 years. This discussion has been ongoing. The issues will only get worse. Probably time to act.	6/27/2020 7:56 AM
20	Open our recreation fields!!!!	6/26/2020 1:58 PM
21	Putting a bridge on 201 South is not going to solve your problem.	6/26/2020 1:22 PM
22	Build the bridge	6/26/2020 11:05 AM
23	5 minutes of traffic during only a small percentage of each day is a very small price to pay to keep a town alive and flourishing with its local businesses. Any other crossing will hurt property values as well as hurt our local businesses.	6/26/2020 9:01 AM
24	Another bridge is necessary. The sooner the better.	6/26/2020 8:56 AM
25	Let a woman figure it out, men just make a mess of things. 😊	6/25/2020 11:27 PM
26	Would like to see big trucks out of downtown to encourage business development and investment in the downtown. More safety for foot traffic/patrons.	6/25/2020 9:51 PM
27	Just start building the bridge, the conversation is over.	6/25/2020 8:38 PM
28	The options that are most appealing appear to have the least impact on traffic congestion - how are these our best options?	6/25/2020 7:45 PM