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| Construction | How many additional years will we get from the rehab? Would it be more prudent to replace the bridge now? | Thank you for your question. Since the bridge's substructure is in better shape than the superstructure and deck of the bridge, it makes better sense to rehabilitate those sections now as opposed to replacing the whole bridge. This rehabilitation will be more cost-effective now and will gain us many years before replacing the entire bridge. Our initial thoughts are that this work will gain us 15 to 20 years of additional life before we need to do a replacement. |
| Daily Commute | Thank you for maintenance of this bridge! In addition to the work needed to restore the Hiram bridge, can the DOT also assess the lack of posted speed limit signs? I observe on the Bridge St side cars very often in excess of 50mph daily. Thank you. | Thanks for your comment. I will check with our Traffic people. Bridge Street is a local road, so it may be the Towns responsibility. I'll find out and get back to you. |
| No topic selected. | Very good presentation and informative - thank you for putting the information together to share with the community. I am glad that the bridge structure and curve will be maintained. I appreciate your work! | No response requested. |
| No topic selected. | Will the bridge be rated higher than 22 tons once this work is completed? | Thanks for your comment. The rehab work will address the components that are the weakest (superstructure and deck) and will not only gain us 15 to 20 years of serviceable life before a replacement is necessary, but will also allow for a higher load rating after this project. |
| Street Closure | Cornish Fire Department is the primary to cover the bridge side of Durgintown Road and River Road a detour will add time to their response to our homes. Please do not close bridge. | Thank you for your comment. We will take that into consideration as we design the project and review the construction work necessary to conduct our work. |
| Street Closure | Please do not shut down the bridge for 30 days. It's a long way around and we would prefer one lane approach. Thank you. | Thanks for your comment. We will consider your comment as we further develop the design and construction of the project. We have received other similar comments regarding a detour. |

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| Street Closure | <p>Hi Scott, I am concerned about the Hiram Bridge project in Cornish/Hiram. My small business is right next to the bridge and is a very short walk from the business section of downtown Cornish. We get a certain amount of walk in business and would lose it all if the bridge was closed for any period of time. Our company has been paying taxes here since 1974 and almost all of our customers have to cross that bridge. We have folks in Cornish who walk to our shop that would no longer be able to. A detour would crush our business at a time when we need all the business we can get to remain viable. Please consider doing the work one lane at a time as you have done in the past. Thank you for your consideration</p> | <p>No response requested.</p> |
| Street Closure, Construction | <p>I think that a shut down and detour of the bridge would be the best case as it would shorten the construction period, however I wanted to know if there had been any review on how shutting the bridge down would affect emergency service response times in the area? On the Cornish side it seems like there would be little impact but for the Hiram side it seems like it could add up to 10 mins based on where the vehicles are traveling from. The other question I had was the project window for a bridge shutdown was 30-45 day, my question was how firm would that time frame be? I am aware that this is still in the design phase so if you don't have an answer on this one no worries.</p> | <p>Thanks for your comment. Most of our comments have come from people concerned about closure and detour during construction mainly on safety, travel time, and access to local businesses. The project construction timeframes are really just estimates right now and are not definitive.</p> |

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| Street Closure, Daily Commute | Living only 0.5 mile from the Hiram bridge on Durgintown Rd, I would strongly prefer to see the bridge stay open during rehab instead of the detour option. If the closure was only a few days, I feel that would be easier to deal with but adding another 10-15 minutes to my already hour commute one way each day will be a more frustrating than I want to deal with. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. | No response requested. |
| Street Closure, Traffic, Construction | From my view as an emergency service provider, I would prefer one lane closure at a time, instead of a full detour. If there is a detour, have a minimal amount of time involved to safely do the work. We would like to be timely notified of the work schedule, including detours, and any fundamental changes in the repair/replacement. Thank you. | No response requested. |
| Street Closure, Traffic, Daily Commute | how are you shutting it down with one lane open? With a light at night? | Thanks for your question. A temporary traffic signal at night would most likely be how we would deal with alternating traffic when only one lane is available. |
| Street Closure, Traffic, Daily Commute | more concerned about emergency vehicles with a traffic light but I guess if at night only and no one else in line they will drive thru the red light if needed. | With the low traffic levels there (under 500 vehicles per day), especially at night, it shouldn't be a concern. |
| Street Closure, Traffic, Daily Commute | While I no longer live in the area, I grew up in Cornish and lived for a short time not far from this bridge. Suggest not completely closing the bridge during the work period as a number of residents on Durgintown and Hiram Falls Roads would be significantly affected for travel to and from their homes. Thank you. | Thanks for your comment. We have received numerous other comments similar to yours and we will take those into consideration while constructing the project. |