

Constant Contact Survey Results

Survey Name: Prosperity Farms Road bridge trellis survey

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What would entice you to make the Prosperity Farms Road bridge a place you would want to walk across or sit and stay? Note all that apply:

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Shade			210	58.9 %
Feeling safe & secure			210	58.9 %
Views			207	58.1 %
Fishing			70	19.6 %
Seating Comfort			137	38.4 %
Pedestrian Lighting			141	39.6 %
Water access			73	20.5 %
There is nothing that would entice me			68	19.1 %
Totals			356	100%

If you were to visit the Prosperity Farms Road bridge for your own personal enjoyment, how would you most likely to get there:

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Walking			89	24.5 %
Car			76	20.9 %
Bicycle			97	26.7 %
Golf Cart			15	4.1 %
Boat			23	6.3 %
Would not visit			57	15.7 %
No Response(s)			6	1.6 %
Totals			363	100%

Please select the bridge images that you would prefer for the look of the Prosperity Farms Road bridge over the Earman River. Note that the main difference is the look of the overhead truss? View larger image of Example 1 View larger image of Example 2

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Example 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	205	56.4 %
Example 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	100	27.5 %
No Response(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	58	15.9 %
Totals			363	100%

Answer

- 1 I like example 1. It looks unique and would be memorable to those coming into our village. I would like there to be decent lighting because I run across this bridge every morning around 5:30 am and it's dark and that's the scariest part of my run. It's very dark on that bridge and as a woman, I am scared during that part of my run because of the lack of lighting
- 2 Ex. 2
- 3 I am excited about this project and feel it's long overdue. It will be a great enhancement to NPB!
- 4 Waves is a nicer view.
- 5 Actually they are both nice but if I had to choose I pick #2.
- 6 I couldn't help taking this survey as I work as a professional designer with over 30 years of design experience plus art and design degrees from Pratt Institute of Art and Design and George Washington University. The curves found in "Example 1" are perfectly fluid reflecting a water environment. (not sure how or what type of materials but looks promising). There is a sense of motion plus a subtle curve that lifts this canopy upwards as it transverse the span. Beautifully done! Charles
- 7 I think this is unnecessary money being spent. Underground power is much more important. May end up with people sleeping on the covered walkway. Will need lots of lighting to detract them. We need practical spending first. Will trellis get damaged in a hurricane. then more spending.
- 8 Why would we want to entice anyone, not just NPB residents, to a bridge? There has to be better use of our money than this. Putting our power underground, bringing back our old street markers, beautifying existing buildings, improve police and fire, lower taxes, or just not spend money just because it is there. All the covering will do is attract people who don't live in our village, and some who do, to leave their trash and dead fish behind. The City of Stuart is already dealing with this.
- 9 All enhancements and improvements to North Palm Beach are anxiously awaited. This town needs to be made the " best place to live under the sun"!
- 10 Gainesville FL has a great example of a double helix pedestrian bridge, similar to example 1
- 11 The new bridge should add at least 2 more feet of clearance, so that all boaters west of Prosperity Farms Road will be able to pass under at the highest of tides. 18 inches is likely not enough for the highest of tides for those of us with fixed tops on our boats. Fishing and cast netting should also be prohibited from the bridge to prevent careless fishermen from hitting boaters, kayakers and paddle boarders as they travel on the river. Strictly prohibited from the middle span at the least.
- 12 I think both designs are over the top for the Bridge...perhaps a sidewalk trellis with bench sitting and a few decorative tiles of turtles & fish. More of a Spanish design instead of industrial.

- 13 Too Blah!! Modify this to our bridge!
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- 14 Is this a necessary taxpayer expense? I appreciate your attempt to make this aesthetic looking but what will this cost?? I don't see any other small bridges in our area with a decorative trellis. If absolutely necessary...which one would withstand a hurricane and 150 mph winds?? Maybe that is why these kinds of trellises are not used!!!
- 15 Quite difficult to picture these without more images - i.e. looking down on the trellises, looking across the river, seeing what the pedestrian walkway will look like
- 16 The first one is a better for a "destination" or for memorable entrance. We (our household) like the first one best.
- The second one looks kind of plain - utilitarian like a basic bus stop.
- 17 I don't think either design would be of much benefit. As illustrated, the sun would have to be directly overhead to offer any shade benefit. So I would like to see nice landscaping, a few palm trees on each end and some nice pedestrian bridge lighting. You might consider some colored lighting underneath like they have on the downtown WPB bridges. Keep it clean and simple. If people are allowed to stop and stay, you will have a constant problem with litter.
- 18 The Prosperity Farms bridge is not the entry to our community. It is the entry to Palm Beach Gardens! The entry to our community is the bridge on US 1. That should be the primary concern!!
- 19 They are both ugly. Why are you wasting money on this project??Do you really think it is important to the selling of NPB? Same goes with reducing lanes on US-1. Why would you spend money to take away lanes already paid for and spend more money in the future to put them back?
- 20 Seems like going a bit higher than 18 more inches would be better.
- 21 Oak trees always make things more enticing to me
- 22 I'm fine with either of these. My preference goes to the one that will require the least maintenance, while still looking good. Would the flatter version provide better shade, an opportunity for greenery (bougainvillea, for example), or solar power for the lighting? If yes, then that's the design I prefer. Also, regarding seating, could the seating be fun & comfortable, without promoting sleeping? Perhaps individual swing chairs or gliders? Combination of static and active? Thank you.
- 23 Low Maint and long lasting material.

- 24 Example 1 looks like a wave which is nice. Seating is important.
- 25 I believe both designs are a waste of tax dollars and money should be spent elsewhere to improve the village.
- 26 There are too many other things that need to be dealt with in the Village, beautifying the bridge over the Earman river is not one of them
- 27 Both are a waste of money, worry about route 1 bridge.
- 28 There's nothing "to do/see" to walk through there, but it would be nice to drive through. I don't consider this a "landmark" location to have a bridge design for, but the "waves" of Example 1 would look more natural to compliment the water views.
- 29 Not good drawings nor good designs. The trellis will only be over the sidewalks correct? How about something that looks like sea shells?
- 30 I appreciate the effort (and hope for the same for Lighthouse Drive bridge). However, I am not impressed with the visual of either trellis design. Also - include breaks between trellis sections at key locations, to accommodate casting when fishing. I like the NPB logo, says welcome.
- 31
- This is a complete waste of money. The place will be full of trash and bad behavior like the NPB parks. Use the funds to pave our neglected roads and repair the sidewalks.
- 32
- Why do we need anything overhead? Complete waste of money. Both of the designs are an eyesore. Is your goal to turn the bridge into a park/play area because you need shade? Instead of that waste of money, how about designing shaded areas where people wait for their bus. They are in the elements without shade nor wind/rain protection.
- 33 Example 1 is a more attractive design; what does it look like while driving? This is a boat perspective only. Example 2 appears more functional.
- 34 Thank you for asking for our input.
- 35
- The bridge is located in an unattractive area of NPB with older homes and apartments that are not well maintained. For that reason, my family and I wouldn't visit this bridge. I BELIEVE THE MONEY SPENT ON THIS PROJECT WOULD BE BETTER SPENT ELSEWHERE.
- 36 Between traffic, and unattractive surroundings I will not be visiting the bridge to view the river. Money would be better spent elsewhere.
- 37 Please let us know if the trellis is made out of aluminum. For example 1 you should have shown a front elevation drawing from the sidewalk. I am for example 2 since it certainly looks less expensive to make than bent pieces of metal.
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- It is essential that you design this to be corrosion proof so that it isn't rusting away in 5 years and costs more than the value of the bridge to keep it painted! I highly recommend you use a Corrosion Engineer to review the design before you sign off. Most Structural Engineers/Architects NEVER consider the aspects of corrosion prevention!
- 39 Contemporary, light, airy ...yes for example 1!
- 40 Either. As long as sidewalk to walk on. I would go cost effective

- 41 This looks fine, but I think these funds would be better used elsewhere.
- 42 If there is an opportunity to raise the bridge higher than 18 inches, that should be considered.
- 43 I think example 1 would be best
- 44 Need something that works but not obnoxious in its looks, such as (2) two design which looks like a rectangular building roof line.
- 45
I always see people fishing on the bridge. I seldom/never see pedestrians. There really is no where to walk from there. Northlake and Prosperity is extremely dangerous to cross on foot. I think it would be nice to make it friendly for the fishermen.
I don't like either renderings.
- 46 Which design is more hurricane proof?
- 47 Number 2 has no character. It looks like boxes attached to one another.
- 48 Example one is more attractive, assuming it is equal in functions such as shade.
- 49 This is Rediculous. No shade at Lakeside Park. Maybe considering 10x10 shade at Lakeside Park is a slap in the face when your considering this disaster. Shading the bridge is a dumb idea. LET IT GO.
- 50 Not much information here, how about a view from the street?
- 51 The earman River is a garbage canal full of trash and run down docks.
There is nothing you could do to make me want to spend time there.
There are many places in the village that could use the funds. lighthouse bridge is in much older then prosperity farms road. The entire infrastructure of North Palm is falling apart and you want to put a dress on a pig.Please drop this project.
- 52
I don't understand why we want to encourage people to "hang out" on an active roadway.
- 53 Other than fishing, I cannot understand why anyone would come and sit on this bridge. Does not seem like a safe place to recreate with traffic whizzing by. The first example is certainly more pleasing to look at, but I wonder if money needs to be spent here for a "place that I would want to sit and stay"? Example 2 looks like a bus stop cover to me. Thank you for the chance to share my opinion.
- 54 Very nice to see a real interest in getting the public involved. I do not believe this is the case with the idea of making US1 two lanes. How about a survey such as this one for the US1 narrowing .
- 55 More shade is better, especially in the summer! It looks like #2 has more shade.
- 56 Enough already, let's get it done.
- 57 Is there a cost difference between the two examples. There is so much to be done with the infrastructure of NPB, that I think going to cheaper route is the best for community. I simply don't think these should be anything different than what it is, a bridge to cross the water by either car or walking. No frills.

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As I like clean lines, the second one could look too generic with too much concrete around. If you can incorporate trees and greenery, I probably would prefer the second, more current option. This really depends on the overall execution and professionally implementing greenery (maybe large concrete concrete container/pots, blooming vines over trellis, mix of materials, not only metal, but marine grade faux wood surfaces).

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How is the Prosperity Bridge a priority over the Lighthouse Bridge? Seems like aesthetics than functionality for the Prosperity Bridge whereas the Lighthouse Bridge is very limited.

60 i don't like either of the trellis's

61 Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed upgrade to the PF bridge. I live nearby and it is an eyesore. Would really welcome a more beautiful entrance to our community.

ps. LOVE that there are NPB logos at the base!

62 The general public will never see either of these views. It would be more important to show the views that a pedestrian would see. I don't think this is a very hospitable place for relaxation because of the relatively heavy traffic on the roadway. I suggest you forget the idea of a trellis as a superfluous expenditure. Instead try to make views possible by minimizing the obstruction of the railing.

63 Example 1 will be timeless. Example 2 already looks dated and boring.

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Really there is not many reasons to cross this bridge on foot unless you leave right near it and are going for a walk around the neighborhood. It is not close to any businesses that I would want to walk to. I would not recommend putting too much effort into making it a comfortable place to sit and hang out as most people would probably not use it for the purpose. I like the idea of designing it safer and overall better looking, though.

65 Example 1 is more attractive but it is hard to vote without seeing a view from the top to determine if this example offers safety to pedestrians.

66 Both designs are nice - though in Example 1 I do prefer the look of the wide base of the support columns along the pedestrian walkway

67 Example 1 doesn't seem to have as much shade capability.

68 If fishing is to be allowed I believe there should be a separate fishing pier like in anchorage park. Fishing in areas where pedestrians and bikers are trying to pass is frustrating and dangerous and would make me not want to visit the area.

69 Allow fishing to continue for those of us who do not live on the water and may want to bring our kids or grandkids to wet a line.

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It's hard to tell from the images what this will look like from different angles. If the trellises are just over the pedestrian parts of the road, I like Example 2 best. If the trellis in that example spans the entire road, I am less inclined to choose that version.

71 too much traffic noise to make this a comfortable place to spend time at. The river is also not that attractive to begin with.

Spend the monies on starting an underground electric grid thru the community.

- 72 I like example 1, but where is the section to vote?
- 73 Neither
- 74 I like example 1 - I think it has a different design. I'd like seating, that would be nice. It would be nice to see that the bridge is kept clean - not just used for fishing with fish parts left behind so it is not a nice place for others to use. And also, if it just becomes a place that others drive to do their fishing, again it is not a nice scenic place for locals to use and there's no reason to fix it up. Right now there are always people fishing there and they drive from all over.
- 75
None of the above. A Trellis is aesthetic, but not practical for cover from bad weather. I prefer a fixed roof on one side, but it doesn't need to be as long as that shown as a trellis.
- 76
This is a TERRIBLE idea. People will hang out there and crime will follow. The area will be full of trash and drug paraphernalia. Ask the police how they will monitor another area for crime. Why are you doing this when there are lots of other needs in the area?
- 77
Neither. I don't think our quaint little town needs to be open to larger boats, or more traffic.
- 78 They both suck. The double helix looks like a DNA strand and the flat one looks like a plain-jane pergola. Someone needs to get more creative.
- 79 Leave it along and keep our village small and quaint
- 80 Neither design looks good. Something more traditional is better suited.
- 81
I believe that these improvements are much more needed on the bridge on US1, where it is still damaged. There is nothing wrong with the Prosperity Farms Road bridge.
- 82
Trellis of #1 is prettier to me. I drive Prosperity to and from NL frequently. Beautification of area would be sufficient to me. When I bike ride, I prefer quieter traffic routes around neighborhood. I don't even like Lighthouse when biking or walking.
- 83 Why are you doing this? Why make this an attraction and therefore more congestion and more potential crime?
- 84 Neither. Waste of money.
- 85 Our household doesn't think a trellis is needed. Added height could be a danger and inviting to some younger people to climb and maybe jump into the water.
- 86 I really don't think this is something that is needed. It would close this busy road for a very long time and would just increase vehicle traffic not pedestrian traffic. The effort and funds could be more useful elsewhere.
- 87 I don't think this is a necessary expense for the community.
- 88 Thank you for caring about North Palm Beach residents' opinion!

- 89 I do not support a trellis. The 1st Cat 2 will knock the trellis down; alongside, constant added maintenance and cost. I submit No trellis. Instead a well designed concrete bridge with four corner posts each posts capped by North Palm Beach anchor. However many feet place additional posts with vertical slats which will add to the nautical feel. Sure wish I had the least little bit of artistic skill so I could draw it but bottom line, I do not support a trellis.
- 90 I think it is great to drive over a bridge and not know it !!!
- 91 Example 2 has a classic timeless look.
- 92 Frankly, I feel both of these proposals are extremely ugly and a gross waste of money. A well designed railing would allow people a safe way to walk across the bridge, stop and fish. Attractive light poles as used in other areas of the village would also be attractive and add to the safety of p pedestrians.
- 93 I don't think the bridge needs to be covered. I worry about the increased annual maintenance cost and the style looking dated relatively quickly.
- 94 This bridge will not be a destination spot for me. A few fish off it and shade would be nice for them.
- 95 I don't think any overhead work would make a difference. I think the bridge is fine as is and the money should be used elsewhere. Adding elements to the bridge will not bring visitors as the water below is a simple canal.
- 96 Wast of money
- 97 Making the walkways wider and the railings safe and attractive is all that is necessary. I don't think either trellis is monetarily appropriate or fits with any current village design character. I would rather see this money go to planting trees in the neighborhood swales.
- 98 I prefer that we simply build a safe & long term bridge, as efficiently and low cost as possible. There is no reason to add additional cost to this type of project... it is a very small bridge... not an public attraction.
- 99 Would be nice to have parking option nearby instead of people parking in the bridge.
- 100 Neither of these designs. If you place coverings on the bridge you will invite homeless and drug addiction people to it. I have lived near the bridge, our home was purchased in 1988 and I have seen little use of the bridge for pedestrians and expect it will continue to NOT be used as you are proposing. Don't waste taxpayers money of it.
- 101 Having seats could bring homeless people to the bridge. I notice this in WPB waterfront where there are seats and is has a beautiful view.
- 102 Lets stop talking about and get started.I prefer some of the original proposals,3 foot of additional clearance, The sail shade design , and typical aluminum handrails that are through out Palm beach county. Height and span between pilings is the most important factor with this project, Handrails and trellis can be replaced over the up coming years as needed. more likely will not have the option to increase the vertical clearance again. This Bridge needs to be built as high as possible now.
- 103 Safety is number one followed by cleanliness and fishing

- 104 It would be helpful to see a 3D plan of #1, as I don't understand the design.
- 105 Example 1 is more architecturally interesting with the wavy design. Thank u for asking for input.
- 106 I drive that road every day to drop
My daughter off to school
and in general because I live in NPB. It would be nice if some of the vegetation could be trimmed so you can see more of the River. Just the thought of improving the appearance is so exciting!!! It will make our side of the Village stand out! Thanks for the upgrades. They are wonderful!!
- 107 Keep the bridges in NPB with a low profile. Why are you making this more complicated and costly than it is?
- 108 Can a design for the improvements to the Lighthouse Bridge be shared?
- 109
First one has more flow and mimics water. It also marries nicely with the bridge itself
- 110 Stop wasting my tax dollars!
- 111 Total waste to build this. Our roads need paving. We need more police officers.
- 112 I understand you want it to look nice, but I think its a bit extreme for the location.
- 113 Waste
- 114 The bridge should not be built in a manner that provides a place for the homeless to loiter.
Benches and shade promote those types of people hanging around.
- 115 This is about the dumbest idea there is.
Go to Anchorage park and walk out on the docks.
- 116 Example 1 is the more unique, fluid design of the two and reminds me of waves but Example 2 appears to provide more shade.
I would want more information on construction and durability in the event of a hurricane though.
- 117 Why are you doing this? It will be full of litter and vagrants.
- 118 Both are a waste of money
- 119 1
- 120 very difficult to visualize Example 1 Example 2 appears to be a flat roof but hard to conceptualize Example 1 roof appearance
- 121
Any plans to put solar panels on the trellis to power lighting and phone charging stations?
- 122 As a longtime resident that lives on the Earman River I have been looking forward to this planned bridge improvement. The most important project element to me is to increase the height of the bridge off the waterline to better accommodate boats with t-tops. The higher the better. Right now we are somewhat limited on when we can get under the bridge depending upon the tide. An improved bridge that is pedestrian, fishing, bicycle and golf cart friendly will be a wonderful village asset.
- 123 It is impossible to answer and make a choice. And, different views are needed, etc. Much more information is needed. Also Maintaining traffic flow is important in an area that is already getting congested.

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Small boat pier for neighborhood kids and residents to pick up or drop off passengers

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I really dont think it is fair to the people that own property either directly adjacent to the bridge or on the earman. People loitering or fishing talk and let me tell you from experience it is LOUD when it hits the water. I used to live adjacent to the bridge and people trespass on the property to get to the waters edge, leave trash all over the place. Fish at night and wake you up. The noise causes dogs to bark all day and all night. Something to seriously consider

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Bicycle parking would be nice. We will appreciate the extra 18 inches when we go under it in our boat. -ec