



LONG GROVE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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To: Board of Trustees
Village of Long Grove

From: Long Grove Fire Protection District,
President David Klein
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Reference: Statement concerning position on construction / potential modification of the covered bridge

The Fire District as a governmental agency entrusted with the public's safety must always attempt to reduce response times and accessibility issues whenever possible. In that regard, our position must never waiver from seeking the most efficient, effective, safest, and direct route possible when responding to an emergency situation. However, we understand the "iconic" significance of the current covered bridge. When one thinks of Long Grove, the one lane covered bridge comes to mind. Although, we cannot publicly agree to any action that can potentially reduce response times and accessibility, we surely do respect the long standing traditions of the village and will accept the decision of the village board. The Fire District has always had a response plan in effect dealing with the single lane, weight restricted, and height restricted covered bridge.