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Dear Transportation Commissioners,

Hi, my name is Nina. I am in sixth grade and go to Bay Farm Middle School. I live on the main island, but my parents can't drive me because they go to work. Every day is a new challenge for me crossing streets and roads and going over the bridge on my bike. In fact, I even go over two bridges...the blue bike drawbridge, and then the wooden bridge. I am fine with the blue bridge because there aren't potholes, bumps, rocks, and ice (on cold days).

There are between 20-50 kids who have to cross the bridge each day. The wooden bridge is the hardest bridge to cross. I think it is dangerous because of the knobs in the wood. Because the bridge is just after a slope, you hit the worst part of the bridge with all the knobs just when you get on it. This makes your wheels turn. Because the bridge is so narrow, you end up slamming into an approaching biker. Earlier this year I had an accident on the bridge and sprained my wrist. It was awful.

Also, when it gets dark early, there are no lights on the bridge, and it is hard to see, even with my bike light. Today because of the fog and high tide, there was even water coming up on the wooden bridge.

I would like to get a new bridge, or have it repaired. If the knobs could be sanded down, or if the bridge could be widened, this would help. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Nina Clem

