

Healdsburg Bridge Open House Comments

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Comment Number	General Comments from Open House #2
1	Rehabilitate the Bridge! It's unique, historic and a town icon. I'm pleased that the town has preserved the Plaza and many of the older buildings. Now we need to preserve Memorial Bridge.
2	As one travels north on 101, you see the bridge and the river before you see the town. The bridge is a market for our town, it is a beacon and a symbol of our community. It has charm and history and is definitely one of the elements that marks Healdsburg as a charming place, one that cares about its environment and pays homage to the past by understanding the aesthetic value of a unique structure such as our bridge. As you walk around the downtown residential area see the wonderful restorations of our aging houses going on, it just makes sense to leave the bridge as-is. Fix it, paint it, put lights on it for nighttime, it's important to do the right thing here. there's only one chance.
3	We need to expand our weed-abatement policy. The road islands where 101 crosses over Old Redwood HWY look terrible because of the weeds. Also, many public sidewalks are grown over and certainly do not make our town inviting to tourism, etc.
4	All of these alternatives are crazy! It seems to be unnecessarily complicated. Is this being done in this fashion so that the engineering firm can justify their fees? It should be simply a refurbish or replace decision. And even that is pretty obvious; refurbish is the only thing that makes any sense. It's less costly and maintains the historic bridge. As for the supposed insufficient width, it's a historic structure and it should be grandfathered.
5	Preserve the bridge at least for pedestrian and bike traffic. Encourage people to slow down when entering the city.
6	The bridge must be saved. It is so Healdsburg a modern viaduct structure would be without character and certainly without aesthetics! The current bridge should be showcased to reflect Healdsburg's heritage and proud past. Some of the properties west of the bridge should be bought cleared of blight and be made a park honoring the bridge. Some suitable businesses and or museums could make the area a tourist attraction and serve as a key to improving the entire area. Not only are the niceties of life critical, it would save money too! P.S. your poll was confusing and misleading. When asking for ranking, most polls are "1" as most important. yours was "5" as most important. introductions as to how to score were not on the poll form. Thus be careful when evaluating the results. Perhaps another poll with clear instructions is needed.

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7	<p>As a Healdsburg resident of 18 years, I have developed an intimate relationship with my town. It's people the architecture, politics and especially the natural environment. The old bridge in question has been a landmark for Healdsburg since 1920 and has for many become synonymous with the charm our town is identified with. Crossing the old bridge conjures a reaction similar to that which people associate with the Golden Gate Bridge and SF. The bridge and the town are inseparable, and both bridges let you know on approach that we are home. We slow down and can't help to look around us and taking in the breathtaking natural beauty Healdsburg offers. Let's save this beautiful landmark over the Russian River. It paints in a bright color, it will bring pride and joy to future generations who will thank us for preserving on of the very few bridges of this kind left in CA. Healdsburg has two other routes to and from the freeway for fast transit. The old bridge could become officially part of a scenic route. Bicycles and pedestrians should have plenty of space. I attended the open house meeting of March 31 and want to thank you for giving all of us the opportunity to become informed and involved in what I hope is the preservation of our bridge. I apologize for this late note.</p>
8	<p>Please retain the old bridge with modifications to make it safe and useable for a long time to come. This bridge as many heritage buildings and fixtures, in Healdsburg, is part of the city's characteristics of restored beautiful features. Hope the engineering firms will come up with a reasonable solution to retain and strengthen the bridge and keep it as part of our wonderful vintage city.</p>
9	<p>The meeting tonight (April 29) in many ways was a waste of time in filling out the response forms on alternatives that even to the casual observer would have a cost to project ratio. Well beyond what can be spent by our community. I sincerely hope that you will be putting some initial cost estimates to each alternative so that we can concentrate our discussion on the two or three most viable options at the council meeting. Otherwise, we will spin our wheels on a lot of meaningless alternatives that cannot be considered due to lack of finances.</p>
10	<p>I don't know who you are your company isn't in our phone book. I don't know who hired you nor do I know why. But I do know your not needed. The bridge is fine. Needs some TLC and that is cheap compared to what you want to do. We are a little town so don't take advantage of us. I've lived here for 62 years and there never had trucks crossing the bridge because there was a sign on the freeway saying to take 2nd exit to Healdsburg and it's not there anymore and it should be. P.S. Walk away. We don't need you!</p>
11	<p>Healdsburg memorial bridge was built in 1921 and since then has been a locally significant gateway to the city. It is iconic to residents as well as visitors, symbolizing the historical character of the community. It is not just important to the history of Healdsburg, however, Memorial Bridge is one of only 15 remaining examples of a Pennsylvania Petit steel truss bridge in the U.S. and is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historical Places. The preferred alternative is irrefutably, rehabilitation. not replacement.</p>

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12	I cannot be there at the meeting, but really support saving the Memorial Bridge
13	History cannot be replaced. Keep the bridge.
14	I took swimming lessons at memorial Beach and grew up with the bridge. I have a soft spot for those two bridges at the entrance to Healdsburg.
15	She's a beautiful bridge and just needs some special attention as all women do! She is worth Saving!
16	We must save our beautiful bridge for all to know the importance and beauty of these historic structures. Please do not destroy our bridge, we must save it.
17	When this fine bridge is restored, not only the community, but future generations will have pride in their local history. When this fine bridge is restored, the men and women who steward and build and preserve its history will stand back and say to themselves: Well done! and the community will tell them: Well done!
18	If it can't be saved for auto traffic then it can be used like the one in Guerneville for foot and bicycle traffic. It should not be torn down.
19	Please keep Healdsburg's history a part of our town, not a memory. In the long run, restoring the bridge will matter to our town's image and integrity. It is the entrance to our town and part of us all.
20	Architectural landmarks define us; they keep the past present and alive. Keep the bridge, keep our heritage and identity.
21	SAVE OUR BRIDGE!
22	Have a full and open evaluation of the cost and options. NO games.
23	Unless it is cost prohibitive the bridge should be upgraded, not replaced. The character of the bridge is hard to put a price on; it is an important part of Healdsburg's history. The size of the bridge is a non-issue. In fact, the narrowness in my view is a benefit, as it slows traffic.
24	This bridge is a historical part of Healdsburg.
25	Save the bridge!
26	It will be fine long after the crap this is being built today has fallen down.
27	Replacing the bridge is an unnecessary waste. Recondition it, saved money and preserve an irreplaceable landmark.
28	Don't let the bridge go!
29	Would like to save original structure even if it requires restricting vehicle traffic.
30	Leave the bridge alone unless it is unsafe. I went to the meeting and talked with one of the guys at the structural table and he didn't convince me the bridge needed anything but he sounded like they were determined to keep looking until they found a reason to change it. I like it just the way it is. If it's unsafe, retrofit it.
31	Save the bridge!
32	I have loved this bridge from when I was much younger, about 60 years younger.
33	Memorial Bridge is an icon. Should we tear down the Golden Gate Bridge because it's is old too?

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34	Fix the bridge, don't demolish it and replace it with something ugly like Geyserville. Traffic is slowed down, good in the summer with all the people at the beaches.
35	Just fix the bridge!
36	this bridge has been in our family photos for 6 generations. Let's save the bridge.
37	I've lived here my entire life, born in the local hospital. Please save the bridge!
38	I love that bridge; used to play in the park, and visit my grandparents and mom's whole side of the family as a child. Now living here with my dad, and have been driving for Healdsburg Taxi for four years. Please even if you must rebuild the structure in a different locale, farther south or north by the train trestle or bridge and allow fishing or foot traffic only on the old bridge, but don't tear it down. I vote for Golden Gate red!
39	Don't turn is into a generic suburb with an Arnold Schwarzenegger concrete bridge span! Please!
40	I have stories! To whom should I send them? I sent a copy of the letter to Omni Means to Al.
41	I love the bridge and believe it to be a wonderful entrance to our wonderful town. Please do not tear it down.
42	Save historical Healdsburg Memorial Bridge; it fits the town!
43	We have lived by the bridge for 25 years. I say as long as were at it, let take off the cyclone fencing and make it really historical. I'm sure there are more aesthetic barriers than the ugly cyclone fencing.
44	My mother, father and grandfather grew up in Healdsburg. We have a long and honored attachment for Healdsburg and the history, especially the bridge!
45	I grew up crossing the bridge on a daily basis, don't take it away, it's beautiful!
46	Let's do the right thing!
47	the Memorial Bridge is an iconic symbol of Healdsburg
48	Let's band together and keep this awesome historical treasure stand proud for another 100 years or more!
49	Please preserve Memorial Bridge and our heritage. Thank you.
50	We need to save this beau fitful bridge. Look how great the one in Guerneville looks with its lovely green paint.
51	I adamantly support the repairs necessary to preserve the bridge, which is a historic landmark to our residents!
52	I like the green
53	This bridge has so much history to me. All my childhood rides from SF to our summer home; we crossed over that bridge. How many walks we took over that bridge to get to swim lessons. I have all those great memories every time I now drive that bridge as a resident. Memorial Bridge is such a part of Healdsburg!
54	Please save our bridge! It is part of our heritage

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56	Stop spending money on studying the bridge but use the money to reinforce and preserve it for the community.
57	I want this iconic symbol of Healdsburg's heritage to be saved if possible. Historic preservation creates equity. This bridge connects people in many ways.
58	Frenchie stopped me for speeding on the bridge in 1960. I got off with a warning, never went over the speed limit again! Mr. Ruby taught me how to swim at the river. Save the bridge!
59	Born and raised in Healdsburg; took swimming lessons at Memorial Beach in the 1950s. Important to save the bridge!
60	We don't need or want a new bridge. The old one just needs some upkeep and an upgrade to continue to serve us. Let's keep that entrance to Healdsburg that we all enjoy. Keep the tourists coming by presenting a vintage bridge as their first impression of Healdsburg as they enter our charming town. Make them slow down as they cross the bridge, so they may take in the beauty we all enjoy. Let them see that time passes at a slower pace here, so we can truly enjoy our town. If you want tourists to remain enchanted with our city, you can't go around tearing down Healdsburg's remaining historical icons.
61	Let's keep the quaintness of Healdsburg before we end up looking just like any other place.
62	The Memorial Bridge has always felt sturdy.
63	retrofit
64	We believe strongly that Memorial Bridge should be repaired and maintained NOT replaced.
65	We believe the current bridge should be repaired as necessary and maintained, NOT replaced
66	Keep it the same color as it's always been
67	Save the bridge!
68	Please paint it hunter green. And how about painting the RR bridge the same color?
69	I have been thinking about this a lot since HWY 128 bridge went down. Another issue is what are we going to do with the train bridge when the Railway is up in use? Lose these bridges and a very important part of Healdsburg is gone....Only a memory or photograph. Let's keep them, invest our money and time in these historical landmarks for future generations to marvel at. Think about it please.
70	Please do all possible to save this historic bridge. It is an integral part of the Healdsburg architecture
71	Save the bridge!

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72	The two river bridges for autos bikes and peds and for rail are a cultural, historical and tourist attraction. Why take that away for another freeway bridge?!
73	I support saving the Healdsburg Bridge
74	Save our bridge. The gateway to Healdsburg and wonderful memories of our summers past
75	The "old" bridge should not be replaced unless it cannot be retrofitted to comply with necessary safety requirements.
76	I love that bridge. It's a sign of summer, of Healdsburg and of character. Too much of Healdsburg's character is getting lost.
77	Keep the bridge
78	That bridge has been there forever, we always seem to save things that maybe shouldn't be saved. This bridge is the entrance to Healdsburg and is a historical monument. Let's keep it there. I can't imagine it would cost more to save it than to build a new one. Save the bridge.
79	hunter green!
80	Please find a way to keep this bridge. It is a landmark of Healdsburg