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1. How often do you use the Hill Avenue Bridge?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Every day <input type="checkbox"/>	11.2%	22
Every week <input type="checkbox"/>	29.1%	57
Every month <input type="checkbox"/>	28.1%	55
Once or twice a year <input type="checkbox"/>	24.5%	48
No use of bridge <input type="checkbox"/>	7.1%	14
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2. Would the closure of the Hill Avenue Bridge affect you?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	53.6%	105
No <input type="checkbox"/>	46.4%	91
Additional comments:		36

1. Hill and Crescent are two main east/west streets for us. If Hill availability is removed and whenever Crescent is blocked, etc., we will be subject to delays in detouring around Crescent. Would traffic counting provide the exact use of Hill? Sat, Jun 19, 2010 1:16 PM

2. But I can use Crescent, Roosevelt, etc. Fri, Jun 18, 2010 10:30 AM

3. if would very much affect my travel to Glen Ellyn for shopping, resturants, banking, visiting friends, route to Highway 53 to get to the Morton Arb Wed, Jun 16, 2010 8:24 PM

4. It would result in more traffic on Crescent which would affect us. Wed, Jun 16, 2010 6:03 PM

5. should not close Sun, Jun 13, 2010 3:46 AM

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2. Would the closure of the Hill Avenue Bridge affect you?

6.	slightly, but there's alternate routes available	Sat, Jun 12, 2010 11:35 PM
7.	If it is true that many of their students are bused to schools on "our" side, they should maintain their streets in a manner that allows their children to travel safely and efficiently. If it costs the school district(s) \$30,000 to bypass their defective bridge, send them the bill.	Fri, Jun 11, 2010 7:34 PM
8.	I would just go to the next available E-W street	Thu, Jun 10, 2010 7:23 PM
9.	I live south of the tracks. Hill Ave is the most convenient route for me to travel East to Lombard, Villa Park and Elmhurst.	Thu, Jun 10, 2010 10:15 AM
10.	THERE ARE ALTERNATE ROUTES TO WHERE I AM GOING AND COMING FROM. PERMANENT CLOSURE WOULD AFFECT ME.	Thu, Jun 10, 2010 9:11 AM
11.	it would become a major barrier to work-related activities	Thu, Jun 10, 2010 7:37 AM
12.	I would take a different route	Wed, Jun 9, 2010 7:22 PM
13.	A bigger question is: Do we want the extra traffic on Hill?	Wed, Jun 9, 2010 4:50 PM
14.	But not very much. We still have the Crescent Ave. access.	Wed, Jun 9, 2010 2:24 PM
15.	Only somewhat -	Wed, Jun 9, 2010 2:01 PM
16.	I live north of the tracks and usually use Crescent Blvd	Wed, Jun 9, 2010 10:08 AM
17.	I use the bridge only occasionally, usually on weekends. There would be some inconvenience.	Wed, Jun 9, 2010 8:11 AM
18.	The Crescent Ave. bridge should handle the traffic from the bridge closure.	Wed, Jun 9, 2010 8:05 AM
19.	I and others living on the east side of Glen Ellyn south of the UPRR, east of Taylor, and north of 53 would be diverted when traveling to/from the north. This traffic would be added to Crescent to Taylor underpass, 53 to Spring, or onto Roosevelt to 53 to Bryant.	Wed, Jun 9, 2010 7:48 AM
20.	primary reason for me to use the Bridge is shopping and services in Lombard. I might shop elsewhere if the Bridge was closed since it's an important way to avoid Roosevelt traffic.	Wed, Jun 9, 2010 6:17 AM
21.	The relationship between Lombard & GE may turn negative. Our annexation boundary agreement, GWWA, Roosevelt Road utility sharing east of I355, & other relationships may be harmed.	Tue, Jun 8, 2010 8:52 PM
22.	There are many other alternatives.	Tue, Jun 8, 2010 6:49 PM
23.	If you use Crescent you have to cross back over the tracks and if will be delayed if a freight train is going through.	Tue, Jun 8, 2010 6:48 PM
24.	I could easily use crescent street.	Tue, Jun 8, 2010 4:52 PM
25.	I live on south side of railroad tracks so it provides a convenient shortcut to suburbs east of GE. It would have a substantial affect on those GE residents, south of the tracks, who work in Lombard or Villa Park.	Tue, Jun 8, 2010 4:50 PM
26.	I live on Hill and it would not affect me or our family	Tue, Jun 8, 2010 4:36 PM
27.	It would eliminate a ton of traffic flying... aka speeding down my street (Hill), I would love it if they closed the street/bridge!	Tue, Jun 8, 2010 4:29 PM

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2. Would the closure of the Hill Avenue Bridge affect you?

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| 28. This is the fastest way to get to Lombard and Villa Park from my home in Glen Ellyn, near Hill Ave. We need to go to work | Tue, Jun 8, 2010 4:27 PM |
| 29. There are other roads to take | Tue, Jun 8, 2010 3:50 PM |
| 30. I live off just off Crescent, so my preference is usually to cross over the tracks at Finley and turn west towards my home. If a freighter train is slowly crossing, I will often turn west on Hill in order to get home a little quicker. That said, I do not often find myself in that situation...and I am usually at that location in Lombard no more than 1 time a week, on average. | Tue, Jun 8, 2010 3:12 PM |
| 31. At this time, my usual routes around the area do not include this bridge. | Tue, Jun 8, 2010 2:41 PM |
| 32. It would affect me in so much as there are business in Lombard that I won't patronize as much or at all after the closure. I live on the south side of the tracks and its convenient to get to downtown Lombard. Without the bridge, I'll find other places to go or only go to downtown Lombard if I absolutely have to. So while it will have an affect on me, it doesn't rise to the level that I think Glen Ellyn should have to do anything about it. | Tue, Jun 8, 2010 7:54 AM |
| 33. The actual difference in travel is negligible, I think we're all just use to it. No real change in going out via Spring. | Mon, Jun 7, 2010 9:45 PM |
| 34. It would make it inconvenient, but I would find either alternate destinations (shopping, etc.) or route | Mon, Jun 7, 2010 4:28 PM |
| 35. slightly | Mon, Jun 7, 2010 3:56 PM |
| 36. This is an asset now given the train traffic volume - makes it easier to deal with the crossings. | Mon, Jun 7, 2010 3:38 PM |

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3. If you answered yes to question 2, please indicate which of the following ways the bridge closure would affect you (check as many as necessary):

	Response Percent	Response Count
New/Inconvenient route to my destination <input type="checkbox"/>	91.4%	96
Additional traffic/wear and tear on my street <input type="checkbox"/>	12.4%	13
Additional transportation costs for business/organization <input type="checkbox"/>	7.6%	8

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3. If you answered yes to question 2, please indicate which of the following ways the bridge closure would affect you (check as many as necessary):

Other (please specify below) <input type="checkbox"/>	12.4%	13
	Other:	23
1. Please see above additional comments.	Sat, Jun 19, 2010 1:16 PM	
2. Not that big of a deal.	Fri, Jun 18, 2010 10:30 AM	
3. Using Hill Ave. is the best route to take to get to Aldi, Trader Joes, Noodles, Starbucks, Dominicks, Jewel, Dollar Store, etc. Also use Hill Ave. when there are long freights and I can't use Crescent for getting to downtown Glen Ellyn.	Wed, Jun 16, 2010 8:24 PM	
4. It would result in more traffic on Crescent which would affect us.	Wed, Jun 16, 2010 6:03 PM	
5. very slightly	Mon, Jun 14, 2010 5:57 PM	
6. More thru traffic down Crescent and by Glenbard West.	Mon, Jun 14, 2010 12:49 PM	
7. Less convenient route to my destination	Fri, Jun 11, 2010 1:49 PM	
8. We lost access to route 53 from Hill when 355 was built. Now this. Why? Do we just want to make it difficult for people from the East to get into Glen Ellyn.	Thu, Jun 10, 2010 10:15 AM	
9. We usually only use it coming from the south on Finley when there is a freight train.	Wed, Jun 9, 2010 2:24 PM	
10. I don't have a specific destination in Lombard that I go to regularly. But, when headed east for various errands, I do have occasion to use Hill Avenue	Wed, Jun 9, 2010 8:11 AM	
11. In addition, trucks from the businesses west of the bridge would have to travel west to Hill at Spring through the residential area instead of accessing Finley / St. Charles to the east.	Wed, Jun 9, 2010 7:48 AM	
12. see above	Wed, Jun 9, 2010 6:17 AM	
13. We should work to be cooperative: 1. Reinforce the Annexation Boundary Agreement 2. This commercial area has been annexed by Lombard but it is in our "Planning Area" (to be annexed by GE after we become contiguous and Lombard de-annexes) 3. A similar situation exists for the GWWA land. 4. Some of the commercial enterprises on the south side of Roosevelt Road east of I355 are connected to GE utilities but are in the Lombard Planning Area. 5. That part of GE that is east of I355 is not in the GE Volunteer Fire Company area.	Tue, Jun 8, 2010 8:52 PM	
14. I use it as part of a running route for exercise. That would be affected.	Tue, Jun 8, 2010 5:22 PM	
15. Not Glen Ellyn's bridge	Tue, Jun 8, 2010 4:36 PM	
16. Close it puleeeeeeeze!	Tue, Jun 8, 2010 4:29 PM	
17. it would inconvenience people moving around the area; especially east & west	Tue, Jun 8, 2010 3:05 PM	
18. traffic would probably congest else where	Tue, Jun 8, 2010 2:25 PM	
19. It would affect me, but I'd get over it. Do not pay for Lombard's bridge.	Tue, Jun 8, 2010 2:24 PM	

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3. If you answered yes to question 2, please indicate which of the following ways the bridge closure would affect you (check as many as necessary):

20. Destinations that are made inconvenient to me are not "critical" (i.e. job related).	Tue, Jun 8, 2010 7:54 AM
21. * I think traffic on my street (Hillside immediately west of Spring) may go down as traffic from east of the bridge is eliminated. * Hopefully emergency services are not impacted; especially if/when there is a train accident blocking 1 or more crossings in the Lombard/Glen Ellyn area. There was a long blockage just this past winter...	Mon, Jun 7, 2010 7:43 PM
22. I travel to Elmhurst many times per week. I live south of Hill and take Hill over the bridge and then continue on Maple through Lombard. I will now have to take Crescent out of town or go to St. Charles. Either way, I will have to go through the CBD.	Mon, Jun 7, 2010 4:20 PM
23. I consider this a potential safety issue with the RR track volume.	Mon, Jun 7, 2010 3:38 PM

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4. How valuable do you view the Hill Avenue Bridge to be for the Glen Ellyn community?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Very valuable <input type="checkbox"/>	16.8%	33
Valuable <input type="checkbox"/>	28.1%	55
Neutral <input type="checkbox"/>	19.4%	38
Limited value <input type="checkbox"/>	26.0%	51
No value to community <input type="checkbox"/>	9.7%	19
Additional comments:		30

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| 1. Glen Ellyn gets a lot of revenue from Lombard residents. Please be friendly neighbors and help with the reconstruction. | Wed, Jun 16, 2010 8:24 PM |
| 2. I am having a hard time understanding why you would even consider NOT supporting this project. This is a vital street for many Glen Ellyn residents and others who are going to the downtown area to shop, eat at the restaurants or go to the movie theatre. It must mean that it doesn't directly affect anyone on the Village | Wed, Jun 16, 2010 4:29 PM |

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4. How valuable do you view the Hill Avenue Bridge to be for the Glen Ellyn community?

Board.	
3. This bridge obviously cost a lot of Federal tax dollars to build. It is an asset to everyone who lives in the area. It would be irresponsible for Lombard to let it fall into disrepair over this political dispute.	Wed, Jun 16, 2010 6:21 AM
4. Emergency vehicles would be most effected by closure.	Wed, Jun 16, 2010 5:17 AM
5. I think Park and Crescent would get more traffic.	Mon, Jun 14, 2010 12:49 PM
6. Any egress for a town is important and its loss will have a negative impact.	Mon, Jun 14, 2010 9:08 AM
7. It's only valuable to my family because we live very close to it and it's the fastest route if we're heading east. That said, we could easily take Rte. 53 or Crescent Blvd. instead.	Fri, Jun 11, 2010 9:32 PM
8. More valuable to them as it brings our fatter wallets into their community.	Fri, Jun 11, 2010 2:25 PM
9. I am wondering how the businesses along Hill Ave would be affected.	Thu, Jun 10, 2010 2:38 PM
10. Hill is a main connecting road through these western suburbs. All the traffic from the industrial park on Hill would be forced on to residential streets in Glen Ellyn. Why?	Thu, Jun 10, 2010 10:15 AM
11. USING HILL AVE. FOR PASSAGE TO LOMBARD PERMITS RESIDENTS FROM THE SOUTH SIDE OF TOWN TO TO TRAVEL WITHOUT CROSSING THE RAILROAD	Thu, Jun 10, 2010 9:11 AM
12. Many people use the bridge daily.	Wed, Jun 9, 2010 7:22 PM
13. I live on the north side of the tracks so I am not affected that much. I'm not sure how much traffic it gets from those on the south side.	Wed, Jun 9, 2010 2:24 PM
14. It would be well worth the investment for Glen Ellyn.	Wed, Jun 9, 2010 10:15 AM
15. I could see how closure of the Hill Avenue bridge would put pressure on other streets, particularly Crescent Boulevard and, in turn, Taylor Avenue as a means of getting to Crescent from Hill. Therefore, the bridge does have some value to Glen Ellyn neighborhoods. There may also be a safety factor- means of EMS vehicles getting between the towns would be hindered (for example, where towns from multiple communities are called to address the bigger fires)	Wed, Jun 9, 2010 8:11 AM
16. This bridge serves the residents of Glen Ellyn much more than the residents of Lombard. I drive the bridge to and from work every day on my way to Schaumburg. During my times crossing the bridge, I have only observed cars with Glen Ellyn vehicle stickers using the bridge.	Wed, Jun 9, 2010 7:48 AM
17. could be valuable if Lombard residents are using it to access shopping in Glen Ellyn	Wed, Jun 9, 2010 6:17 AM
18. Valuable as a way to improve and clarify relations with Lombard.	Tue, Jun 8, 2010 8:52 PM
19. I think a fully functional bridge (with higher weight limits than the current bridge) would be more valuable as it might alleviate some of the truck traffic on Spring Ave.	Tue, Jun 8, 2010 7:24 PM
20. There are other routes if the bridge were closed. If Lombard doesn't think the bridge is of any use to them, why did they apply for all the grant money. There must be as many people coming from Lombard as there are from Glen Ellyn.	Tue, Jun 8, 2010 5:42 PM

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4. How valuable do you view the Hill Avenue Bridge to be for the Glen Ellyn community?

21. It saves the nearby residential streets from damage from heavy trucks and equipment. The damage to Spring Ave. could be more than the money Lombard is looking for.	Tue, Jun 8, 2010 4:43 PM
22. not ours!	Tue, Jun 8, 2010 4:36 PM
23. close it!,	Tue, Jun 8, 2010 4:29 PM
24. It's a convenient access to Lombard businesses.	Tue, Jun 8, 2010 4:27 PM
25. It's important to have viable roadways apart from Roosevelt and St. Charles into Lombard.	Tue, Jun 8, 2010 2:41 PM
26. I think the bridge is more important to Lombard's central business district, than it is to Glen Ellyn's CBD or Roosevelt corridor.	Tue, Jun 8, 2010 7:54 AM
27. As it creates a version of a cul de sac in that area - the Village stands to gain by the subsequent increase to the family friendly pace and security. It will be a net positive.	Mon, Jun 7, 2010 9:45 PM
28. This bridge is also a value to the Lombard community as it opens easy access to Lombard businesses. If I have to go to Roosevelt as a gateway to Lombard, I am less inclined to make purchases in Lombard as it's less convenient.	Mon, Jun 7, 2010 7:43 PM
29. Should be of value to Lombard, as it provides visitors to its town with a route to it's businesses	Mon, Jun 7, 2010 4:28 PM
30. Other than personal convenience, the bridge only diverts traffic away from the CBD.	Mon, Jun 7, 2010 4:20 PM

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5. Glen Ellyn has no fiduciary responsibility or legal obligation for the Hill Avenue Bridge. Should the Village of Glen Ellyn assist the Village of Lombard in funding the reconstruction of the Hill Avenue Bridge with a maximum potential cost of \$300,000?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes <input type="text"/>	37.2%	73
No <input type="text"/>	62.8%	123
Additional comments:		68

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| 1. This doesn't seem right, it feels like political arm twisting. I suggest denying the grant request and see what they do as further inspections arise. Call their bluff and see if they walk from the Federal grant. | Fri, Jun 18, 2010 10:30 AM |
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| 2. The bridge serves both communities. By taking the approach that Glen Ellyn isn't financially obligated is shortsided. The bridge serves as acces points to residential areas and the downtown area. Glen Ellyn does benefit financially as does Lombard but the bridge serves as a vital alternative to big streer traffic and help lessen the burden on the main arterial roads. | Thu, Jun 17, 2010 10:17 AM |
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| 3. Absolutely NOT. Eventhough I use the bridget, it will be easy to use another road. Lombard is trying to extort this money and should be stopped. | Wed, Jun 16, 2010 11:47 AM |
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| 4. Why should Glen Ellyn pay for a Lombard road project? It would be irresponsible of Lombard to lose federal funding to repair the bridge, in their jurisdiction, over a small funding issue. This is clearly not about the \$300,000. It is clearly political posturing and the Lombard officials should behave more professionally. Why should they inconvenience their residents and neighboring residents over this issue. Don't they have better things to spend their time on? | Wed, Jun 16, 2010 6:21 AM |
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| 5. Unless we want to promote an inter-agency cooperative activity for the sake of future benefits to Glen Ellyn, Lombard should weight the loss of "customer traffic" into Lombard as a justification for their expense. How about offering \$150,000? | Tue, Jun 15, 2010 4:36 PM |
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| 6. This sets bad precedence. Lombard owns the road and thus Lombard repairs the road. Do we begin charging other towns for road repairs around COD and then threaten to shut them down if they won't comply? It's absurd... | Tue, Jun 15, 2010 7:01 AM |
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| 7. Lombard has a much larger tax base and a village manager that many residents don't respect | Mon, Jun 14, 2010 8:03 PM |
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| 8. Fund in proportion to Glenbard Wastewater % | Mon, Jun 14, 2010 5:57 PM |
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| 9. This "yes" response is predecated on placing this project in proper priority to other projects. | Mon, Jun 14, 2010 12:49 PM |
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| 10. No way. This would be a terrible bad precedent - it is Lombard's bridge, they are getting a large chunk of federal money to get this fixed, and this is their issue to resolve. GE has enough of its own infrastructure improvements to make. I doubt if Lombard is going to reciprocate and help pay for any of our projects. | Mon, Jun 14, 2010 9:08 AM |
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| 11. This is Lombards bridge. Why do we have to pay for it? Where does this stop? | Sun, Jun 13, 2010 7:48 AM |
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| 12. Each Village needs to maintain their own property. Once you start helping with one area, what's not to stop them from asking for more? Let them figure out their own budget woes. We don't need to take on more. | Sat, Jun 12, 2010 11:58 AM |
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| 13. Don't give them a dime. I'll take my sales tax dollars to other towns. | Sat, Jun 12, 2010 11:05 AM |
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| 14. tops, maybe \$30,000 as a good neighbor gesture - but since Lombard tried to pull a fast one by de-annexing their own property, and are not acting as good neighbors, I would strongly argue against their request of 50% funding of their own liability. | Sat, Jun 12, 2010 9:51 AM |
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| 15. I think it's ridiculous that they are asking us to help fund this project...if they go through with closing it down, Glen Ellyn should retaliate in some way. | Fri, Jun 11, 2010 9:32 PM |
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5. Glen Ellyn has no fiduciary responsibility or legal obligation for the Hill Avenue Bridge. Should the Village of Glen Ellyn assist the Village of Lombard in funding the reconstruction of the Hill Avenue Bridge with a maximum potential cost of \$300,000?

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- 16. The west side of the border belongs to the Township or County, NOT Glen Ellyn. Is Lombard going to pay for our street maintenance because their residents visit COD or Stacy's Tavern? This "slippery slope" is a ridiculous waste of G.E. administrative time. Please tell them that we don't take kindly to extortion, and that they should maintain their own prperty. Fri, Jun 11, 2010 7:34 PM

 - 17. We don't own it. We should not fix it. The mere fact they asked for \$\$\$ from us is very odd. First the bridge, then what? And what liability issues arise from a relationship like this? Their logic is twisted, short-sighted and uneducated. By all means, let them close the bridge and let the money that flows into their shops, restaurants, gas stations, etc. dry up as well. Their strong-arm tactics are as silly and lacking in intelligence as their village board appears to be. FWIW, should the village need volunteers in this escalating war with our neighbor to the east, I shall be proud to serve. :o) Fri, Jun 11, 2010 2:25 PM

 - 18. I question why Lombard has asked school districts 41, 87 and the Village of Glen Ellyn to help fund the repairs that need to be made on a bridge owned by Lombard. Thu, Jun 10, 2010 2:38 PM

 - 19. We need to cooperate with our adjoining communities. This should be a priority for our town. Thu, Jun 10, 2010 10:15 AM

 - 20. Good will gesture - neighbors Thu, Jun 10, 2010 10:03 AM

 - 21. THE BRIDGE IS IN LOMBARD. IT SEEMS REASONABLE TO THINK THEY SHOULD FIX IT. Thu, Jun 10, 2010 9:11 AM

 - 22. Glen Ellyn residents probably benefit from the availability of that bridge more so than do Lombard residents. Glen Ellyn spends far greater amounts of money on projects that benefit only a privileged few. Keeping a major east-west road open benefits the entire community. Thu, Jun 10, 2010 7:37 AM

 - 23. obviously it links both of our towns. I am guessing with more traffic coming from GE residents to get to shopping, restaurants in and beyond Lombard than people from Lombard coming into Glen Ellyn. Wed, Jun 9, 2010 8:12 PM

 - 24. Good neighbors help one another and share expenses when it affects both of them at the same time. Wed, Jun 9, 2010 7:22 PM

 - 25. I vote no but if the traffic is high enough and it would cause a lot more traffic using Crescent I would be for it. Wed, Jun 9, 2010 2:24 PM

 - 26. ...but perhaps not 50/50. Does anyone have an idea who uses the bridge the most? It would be very interesting to know. Wed, Jun 9, 2010 2:02 PM

 - 27. ABSOLUTELY NO !!! Lombard owns the bridge. I don't think we go and ask them to pay for items in which we forecast, plan, and execute to be maintained property. Why are they asking for money from us for the bridge they own. It sounds like they did not plan accordingly. Wed, Jun 9, 2010 2:01 PM

In addition, why are they closing the bridge now. It is my understanding that the bridge is still in usable shape for a limited size vehicle. Why would they close the bridge prior to an inspection telling them that it needs to be closed. Seems like they are not being good advocates for their residents or the residents in surrounding

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towns. I would assume folks from Lombard, GE, Wheaton, and Villa Park probably use this road.

We in GE have had to cut back on many projects, people, attractions, and other items within the last year to balance a budget. I will be upset if we allocate funds for something that we do not own. We have our own infrastructure to worry about.

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| 28. | Why not use the opportunity to ask for Lombard's participation in something else that would benefit both communities. | Wed, Jun 9, 2010 1:02 PM |
| 29. | I use the bridge every day (live near Spring/Hill), and the closing would be an incredible detriment to us, adding costs/time every day. However, it's a slippery slope asking for GE's financial assistance. Can we ask Lombard for funding maintenance of Roosevelt West of 355? I assume Lombard would scoff at that suggestion, as should Glen Ellyn. | Wed, Jun 9, 2010 11:11 AM |
| 30. | It would greatly benefit Glen Ellyn to have the bridge. | Wed, Jun 9, 2010 10:15 AM |
| 31. | While there are homes and businesses located near the bridge, alternates are available. | Wed, Jun 9, 2010 10:08 AM |
| 32. | Due to the Village of Lombard receiving grant funding to pay for 80% of the project, Glen Ellyn should be able to apply for a grant to pay for the remaining 20% and/or the Village of Lombard should split the remaining amount 20% with Glen Ellyn. Glen Ellyn should not pay for this without a grant and it should not postpone any of our capital work already planned. The Village of Lombard should take sole responsibility as the owner of the bridge and complete the project without Glen Ellyn's help if we cannot find grant funding to help with the project. There is a CDBG grant process due October 1, 2010 through DuPage County that Glen Ellyn should make application to in order to try to help pay for this project. | Wed, Jun 9, 2010 9:00 AM |
| 33. | There is a principal at stake here. I don't believe it is at all common for one municipality to turn to another municipality to help fund its infrastructure projects. One community aiding another in emergency situations is one thing [for example, in responding to a fire], but capital projects? Nearly any time there is a bridge or tunnel between communities, both communities benefit, but where does one draw the line? The Manchester Road bridge that is being reconstructed over the UP railroad tracks in Wheaton, although in the center of Wheaton and far from the G.E. border, also benefits Glen Ellyn residents, as a means of access to points further west. Has Wheaton requested Glen Ellyn to fund part of that reconstruction? I don't think so! | Wed, Jun 9, 2010 8:11 AM |
| 34. | This bridge is not in our village! Yet Lombard wants G.E. to pay half the local cost! | Wed, Jun 9, 2010 8:05 AM |
| 35. | It's Lombard's responsibility, period. | Wed, Jun 9, 2010 7:59 AM |
| 36. | I think the bridge is a more valuable resource to Glen Ellyn than Lombard. I cannot think of a reason that a resident of Lombard would use the bridge. I believe a 10% share to repair the bridge is well worth it to the residents of Glen Ellyn. | Wed, Jun 9, 2010 7:48 AM |
| 37. | I believe we should focus on core issues within the village such as downtown revitalization. The loss of the Bridge poses more of an economic loss to Lombard than to GE, I believe, and is an inconvenience but not a critical issue to GE | Wed, Jun 9, 2010 6:17 AM |

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| 38. The Village spends money on cost overruns at Ackerman, a complex of limited added value to the Village and citizens, and how many thousands to repair the Library, a fiasco on all fronts, and you need to have a survey on this? a project with obvious consequences to the many who use it based on your own information? | Wed, Jun 9, 2010 5:07 AM |
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| 39. Yes, if the relations between Lombard & GE can be improve and clarified. Of course with less than \$300,000 or with reduction of future costs to the GE taxpayer: for example Lombard areas to cover the costs to de-annex and annex the commercial area along Hill Av. & GWWA. | Tue, Jun 8, 2010 8:52 PM |
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| 40. Even though I use the bridge several times weekly, in no way should GE spend one penny to perform a study or rebuild a public way that does not even touch the border of GE. | Tue, Jun 8, 2010 8:28 PM |
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| 41. Ideally, I'd like to get the trucks back on the bridge and off of Spring Ave. But, they are already on Spring Ave. and it's not going to get any worse if the bridge is closed, so I wouldn't want GE committing money to Lombard for this purpose. | Tue, Jun 8, 2010 7:24 PM |
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| 42. I think it is crazy for the Village of Lombard to expect us to contribute to this bridge. Should they pay for our rehabilitation of Crescent Blvd. because they drive on it? Maybe we can ask them for \$300K towards that and then call it a wash when they say no. | Tue, Jun 8, 2010 6:56 PM |
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| 43. We need to keep our money in the Village and use it for our capital improvements. This will affect many more residents. | Tue, Jun 8, 2010 6:49 PM |
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| 44. It is the neighborly thing to do seeing Glen Ellyn residents also uses the bridge. | Tue, Jun 8, 2010 6:48 PM |
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| 45. I have issues with Lombard expecting us to pay for their bridge. Their tone about the whole thing really irks me. They own both sides of the bridge which is not something being mentioned right now on the village site. They are making this so that Glen Ellyn is just as responsible for their bridge as they are. They built it. Shouldn't they maintain it? I did not appreciate the comments the Lombard council made about Glen Ellyn and our village president. I don't see how they can imply that we are being unreasonable. They cited allowing us to borrow money from the glenbard water station. How much in savings was this? Let's give them that amount. I look at it as if my neighbor had a pool and allowed my family to use it. Then they found out they have a huge repair cost and expect me to pay for half. I didn't choose to build the pool. They did. I could offer some amount but I do not feel half is fair. I understand that they unincorporated the area. Do they get any taxes from the area on the other side? What about before they unincorporated? Why should we split this cost? Glen Ellyn doesn't have very many stores for shopping. How much in sales taxes does Lombard collect from Glen Ellyn residents? Put that towards your bridge! 50% is not fair. | Tue, Jun 8, 2010 4:52 PM |
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| 46. I agree with Lombard official that the bridge provides more benefit to GE's residents than Lombard's. | Tue, Jun 8, 2010 4:50 PM |
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| 47. Is Lombard planning on helping with the cost of our Library mold issue? I think not! I'm sure Lombardians use our Library sometimes | Tue, Jun 8, 2010 4:36 PM |
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| 48. No Way! it is their bridge!!! If I need seven eleven I will go to the one on Park near Jewel. | Tue, Jun 8, 2010 4:29 PM |
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5. Glen Ellyn has no fiduciary responsibility or legal obligation for the Hill Avenue Bridge. Should the Village of Glen Ellyn assist the Village of Lombard in funding the reconstruction of the Hill Avenue Bridge with a maximum potential cost of \$300,000?

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49. This is a TERRIBLE precedent to set. We do not own the property and should not be using tax dollars for its upkeep. Where will it end? DO NOT OPEN THIS CAN OF WORMS.. Tue, Jun 8, 2010 3:42 PM
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50. This question is a bit deceiving...isn't it? Isn't Lombard asking for 1/2 or \$150K? That said, in a gesture of goodwill towards future cooperation between our municipalities, perhaps GE should consider kicking in \$30-50K as long as it doesn't preempt other critical capital projects that would enhance GE. This is an unusual request for Lombard to make, but these are unusual times. The old ways are not necessarily the new ways any more. Tue, Jun 8, 2010 3:12 PM
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51. Only as a last resort. Would the bridge actually close or just have further weight restrictions? I am OK with reducing truck traffic would be good, but aren't there commercial businesses along the road, and would that mean an ambulance would be restricted too? Is it customary for one village to ask for financial assistance or is Lombard strong arming Glen Ellyn to pay for something we shouldn't have to pay for? So I guess I'm leaning more toward NO than a Yes after thinking about it, but will still leave my answer as a YES because of the limited alternate routes available, and only after all other funded sources have been exhausted. Tue, Jun 8, 2010 3:08 PM
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52. If it belongs to Lombard, let them pay for it. Would they ask us to help pay for repairs on, say, Grace St.? I don't think so, so why here? Just because the bridge is between the two villages does not mean we should have to front them some money to repair it. Tue, Jun 8, 2010 3:05 PM
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53. if \$300,000 is thought to be too much, some lesser amount would be helpful, I'm sure Tue, Jun 8, 2010 3:05 PM
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54. It is not needed. Let Lombard pay for it. Tue, Jun 8, 2010 3:04 PM
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55. This requests seems a bit like extortion. Why is the bridge any different from other road projects? It seems like it would set an unfortunate precedent. Plus...is it appropriate for GE to use tax money for a project in another jurisdiction? Tue, Jun 8, 2010 2:41 PM
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56. Lombard has NOT secured 80% of the funding, they are only optimistic that they will. Given recent funding boondoggles (Hello, Ackerman "only the top 2% income earners in GE can afford to play soccer here" Sports Center) I don't want us to take the risk of getting stuck with more than \$300,000. And I'm tired of people thinking that everyone in GE is rich. We aren't. Additionally, our own streets are in nasty shape. Fix home first. Tue, Jun 8, 2010 2:24 PM
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57. This is a bad precedent. Glen Ellyn hasn't had, nor will it have, any responsibility or ability to ensure that the bridge is inspected and maintained properly. We're being asked to donate money for an expensive asset over which we will have no control. Did neglect on Lombard's part allow the bridge to get to this state of disrepair? If so, how would we avoid premature degradation of the repaired bridge? Bottom line is that this is their asset, they need to build, maintain, and repair it. Tue, Jun 8, 2010 7:54 AM
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58. make it a 50 cent toll bridge to offset cost. Tue, Jun 8, 2010 7:51 AM
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59. I'd almost rather pay to shut the bridge down to be honest. Mon, Jun 7, 2010 9:45 PM
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60. This sets a very very bad precedent and is a ridiculous request. Mon, Jun 7, 2010 8:24 PM
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61. It is Lombard's bridge and they should fix it. Glen Ellyn did not contribute to the College Avenue depot in Wheaton, and surely some west side GE residents use it? Lines are drawn at jurisdictional boundaries. It is unfortunate that Lombard feels this is a bad deal for them, but they assumed ownership on both sides of the bridge at some point for a reason and unless GE somehow duped them at that time this is just a bad outcome for them from a decision they made.

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I would support Glen Ellyn contributing if and only if a jurisdictional transfer can be arranged to prevent Lombard victimising GE with future extortion schemes.

62. Would we then ask them to contribute to repairs to Taylor underpass, or other decaying routes since their residents use them as well? It's an outrageous and pompous request.

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63. In this economy, with GE's reduced revenues, I do not believe this to be a wise expenditure. Lombard should consider what a good neighbor they have in Glen Ellyn - a good neighbor with a lot of disposable income that is regularly spent in their community!! They should do everything possible to make it easier for us to get to their town, not make us pay to get there.

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64. Worst case scenario is that the bridge is closed. While some may take Roosevelt or St. Charles, many will take Crescent. This route takes the motorists directly into the heart of the CBD. More traffic = more visibility = more potential shoppers. I live south of Hill and use the current bridge. If the bridge closes, I will take Crescent.

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65. This is extortion, pure and simple

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66. Lombard is getting over a million from the feds - they can pony up the remaining amount. There's no reason we should ever have been asked to pay 50% of the costs - maybe 10% as a good neighbor, but that's it!

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67. There should be some agreement as to who funds what in the future or if GE would take control of the bridge, etc.

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68. I think that we should hesitate before allowing entrances to our Village to be closed, and I think that we should be mindful of forcing industrial traffic to our residential streets.

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