

Ward 5 eblast, 11/16/21 Re Popp's Ferry bridge

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Good evening all...

I heard late this afternoon from several constituents letting me know they would never use a tolled Popp's Ferry bridge.

I believe what triggered this sudden public interest began with a TV appearance by Mayor Gilich early this morning.

[Mayor Gilich on WLOX TV13 early this morning re the Popp's Ferry bridge](#) (5 min)

During today's Council meeting, under the Mayor's Report, United Bridge Partners explained the financing and services they could provide *if* the city decided to construct a new Popp's Ferry bridge. Their proposal includes a toll. Although the segment is a bit long at 50 minutes, it's worth watching... and the slides in the video offer a good outline of the project.

[United Bridge Partners presentation at today's Council meeting](#) (50 min)

I think the mayor's wise to consider funding options for a new Popp's Ferry bridge since we've had no luck lobbying for the money necessary to build a new bridge, generally estimated (depending on who you talk to) to \$170M or so. As was pointed out today, federal funding typically requires a 20% local match... or \$34M.

There was no action taken by Council on a tolled Popp's Ferry bridge at today's meeting.

As developments occur on this topic, I'll update you in future eblasts.

In closing, tonight's local news broadcast an accurate summary.

[WLOX TV13 6:00 pm newscast](#) (2 1/2 min)

Good night,

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