

February 27, 2022

Office of the Governor
508 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Office of Mayor Ed Gainey
414 Grant Street, 5th Floor
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Mayor Gainey & Governor Wolf,

We, the members of Pittsburgh's Art Commission, request that the City and State briefly pause the development of the replacement Fern Hollow Bridge in Pittsburgh's Frick Park and allow for the design of this prominent civic structure to be carefully considered. We recognize time is of the essence as this bridge is an important component of the city's infrastructure; however, this new bridge will be standing for decades and we must consider the future impact it will have. Let's not rush this process but rather focus on creating a structure that will make Pittsburgh proud now and for future generations.

The City of Pittsburgh is often defined and recognized by our many beautiful bridges. The new Fern Hollow Bridge is a tremendous opportunity to contribute to our legacy as "The City of Bridges". While this bridge needs to be replaced promptly, we should not act in such haste that we create something we will regret for the next century. The new bridge should enhance the beauty and experience of one traversing across or passing beneath it on the forested trails through Frick Park. Let's not allow this bridge through a historic park to be engineered as if it were a mundane highway overpass.

The citizens and communities of Pittsburgh deserve better. Design aesthetics need to be considered along with cost and expediency. A well-designed new bridge will reconnect our vibrant neighborhoods and also enhance the beauty of our city. Let's be thoughtful and build what we wish our future to be.

Sincerely,
Pittsburgh Art Commission



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