From: Howard Rice

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To: Lucky D'Ascanio

Subject: River Point Bridge

Lucky, in hearing that you are close to picking a design for the River Point bridge I wanted to send a note over. From a safety perspective we would strongly recommend getting a bridge that could carry our utility (pickup) trucks over it. For safety reasons, Fire-Ems would like to be able to transport people and equipment over the bridge if needed for a brush fire, medical emergency or other possible event. A wider bridge (10-ft vs 6-ft) would make it that much easier for us to cross and would support a larger vehicle. We currently rely on 2 pickups for transport of personnel and equipment for off-road emergencies. Our current utility truck has a gross vehicle weight of 9,400 lbs (GVWR), and the width is slight over 8-feet (mirror to mirror). I would support a minimum 10-ft bridge rated for a minimum of 10,000 lbs.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Chief Rice

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