

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**RE: STATE DOT TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE MAIN STREET BRIDGE  
REHABILITATION IN LIEU OF REPLACEMENT**

Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr announced today that in response to his letter of April 25<sup>th</sup>, he has received correspondence from the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation that says they will explore the feasibility of rehabilitating the Main Street Bridge in lieu of the controversial replacement of that structure. The bridge, at the intersection of Route 100 (Main Street) and U.S. Route 1 (Saltonstall Parkway) is currently proposed to be replaced with respect to the realignment of this intersection in State Project # 043-0128.

"I am very appreciative that the State DOT has taken in consideration the opposition of not only my office, but also that of many of the residents of our town in general and the East Haven Historical Society in particular. I am hopeful that as they explore alternatives to a complete replacement of that very historical and sentimental structure, they will be able to retain the characteristics of the bridge while at the same time making important improvements to that complex intersection. I would like thank the Historical Society for all their efforts and every one of our residents who have taken the time to express their feelings to the DOT concerning this matter, stated Mayor Maturo.