FUNDING RECOMMENDATION: $600,000

LOCATION: Middletown Township and Rumson Borough

ABOUT THE BRIDGE: S-31 is a 2,712-foot double leaf drawbridge that crosses the Navesink River from Rumson to Middletown. Known for its scenic views, the two-lane bridge serves beach, commercial and residential traffic, as well as pedestrian and bicycle travel. As one of three local bridges over the river, it is also a key route for coastal evacuations and emergency vehicles bound for Riverview Medical Center.

Built in 1939, the Oceanic Bridge has undergone several costly repairs. The structure has deteriorated due to decades of exposure to saltwater and from accommodating heavier vehicles and traffic volumes than it was designed for and is rated structurally deficient.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project will investigate options for replacing or rehabilitating the bridge.