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March 22, 1993

Mr. Howard Yerusolim
Secretary of Transportation
Transportation & Safety Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: Twelve Year Improvement Program for Lebanon County

Dear Mr. Secretary:

In order to demonstrate our continuing concern for transportation planning and highway development in Lebanon County, we are collectively writing to you to reiterate our support of projects presented first to District 8-0 officials and subsequently to the Pennsylvania Transportation Commission. The programming of these projects is crucial not only to the maintenance of an acceptable level of service to local residents and businesses, but also to attract and encourage the kind of economic growth which will allow Lebanon County to prosper. While there are many highway improvements that could be included in a "wish list" statement, we will confine our comments to three projects which we feel can realistically be added to or clarified on the Twelve Year Improvement Program. Our position on each of these projects is listed as follows:

1. **ROUTE 72 RELIEF ROUTE/UPGRADE AND ECONOMIC STUDY** - By virtue of a status report letter from District 8-0 Engineer, Mr. Barry Hoffman, we are pleased to realize that Route 72 continues to be a viable project for Lebanon County. We strongly support the concept of structurally spanning the railroad in the city of Lebanon, and the signal improvement program would be most welcomed. These needs have been evident for decades, and we are gratified that solutions are being proposed. We also feel that the additional studies listed as part of Mr. Hoffman's proposal should be pursued with enthusiasm. Certainly a properly designed and located Route 72 can stimulate new and enhance existing economic development projects and programs in Lebanon County. We can assure you that the staffs of the Lebanon Valley Economic Development Corporation, the Chamber of Commerce, and the County Planning Department are willing to work with PennDOT to substantiate this economic stimulus. An additional component of the Route 72 improvement package worthy of mention is the interchange with I-78. This project has appeared on

the Twelve Year Program as a "2nd Four Years" project since 1986. The construction of this interchange, coupled with the improvements mentioned above, would allow Route 72 to provide a necessary connection between interstate highways in Lebanon County and the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

2. ROUTE 501 (SCHAEFFERSTOWN BY-PASS) - The Schaefferstown By-pass has been a priority with Lebanon County and PennDOT since the mid 1970's. Largely due to its location, design simplicity, modest cost, and substantial regional and local benefits, it has remained popular and continues to be a high priority for inclusion in the Twelve Year Improvement Program. This project also has substantial economic benefits on a local as well as a regional basis.

3. EAST-WEST CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS - Excessive traffic flow on east-west Routes 322 and 422 is probably the greatest traffic problem in Lebanon County. After decades of discussion, design and controversy, the problem only worsens as the area continues to urbanize and pressure existing travel corridors. After seeking much appreciated advice from PennDOT officials, a consortium of several businesses, thirteen municipalities, two counties, and an Economic Development Organization raised approximately \$65,000 for the preparation of a special "Lebanon Valley East/West Corridor Study". This report was completed in 1991 and has been submitted to PennDOT. Hopefully this study is ample evidence of our commitment to an east/west highway improvement plan. We remain optimistic that our initiative will justify inclusion of the study's recommendations on the Twelve Year Improvement Program. In particular, we recommend immediate programming of the following short-term projects as specified by the Corridor Study:

- Route 322 Shoulder Widening
- Route 422 Shoulder Widening
- Route 422/Railroad St. Intersection - Palmyra
- Route 422/Route 117 Intersection - Palmyra
- Route 422 - Palmyra Signal Interconnect
- Route 422 - Widen between Palmyra & Annville
- Route 422/Route 934 Intersection - Annville
- Route 422/Lebanon Valley Mall - Pavement Markings
- Route 422/Lebanon City - Interconnect signals

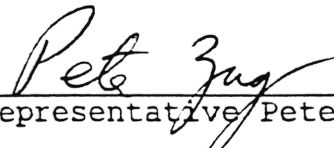
Furthermore, we feel that PennDot should proceed with further evaluation of the intermediate and long-term improvements recommended by this report and seriously consider their implementation as long-term solutions to reducing congestion and improving safety in this east/west corridor.

As a group, we would appreciate working with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, District 8-0 officials on a regular basis to jointly develop a viable transportation program suited to the needs of the Lebanon Valley and compatible with the overall transportation needs of the Commonwealth. We feel that it is crucial for both parties to make a concerted effort to improve communications in order to develop the rapport necessary to accomplish our mutual goals in as timely a fashion as possible.

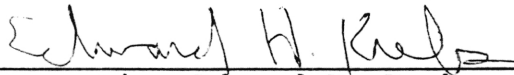
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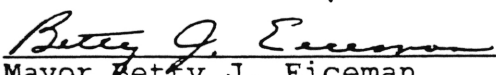
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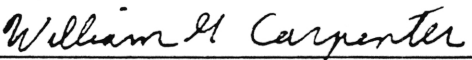
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Representative Edward H. Krebs



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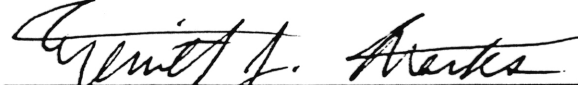
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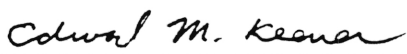
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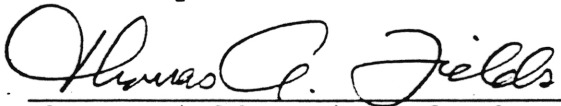
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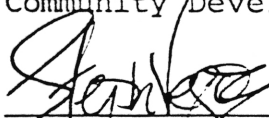
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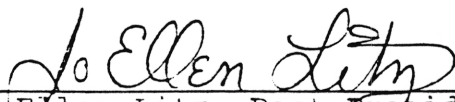
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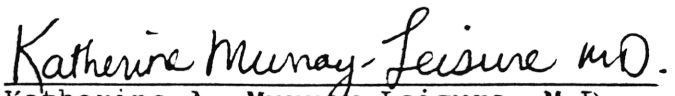
Jon A. Ritter, Executive Director
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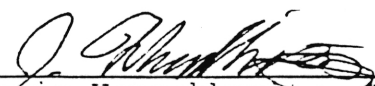
Stephan Vego, President
Lebanon Valley Chamber of Commerce



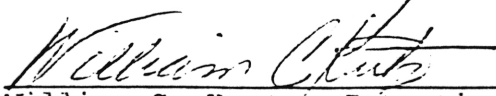
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March 21, 1995

The Honorable David J. Brightbill
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Re: SR422 and SR934 Intersection

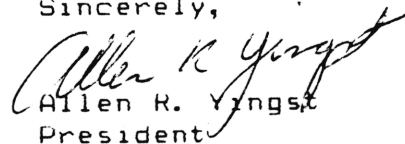
Dear Senator Brightbill:

The Anville Township Board of Commissioners would appreciate any assistance you can give them to get the Department of Transportation to include a traffic study and improvements to the intersection of SR422 with SR934 in Anville Township on their Twelve Year Plan.

The Board has sent a request to Barry Hoffman, District 8-0 Engineer to this effect. A copy is enclosed for your files.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Sincerely,


Allen R. Yings
President

Lebanon Valley College
of Pennsylvania

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Office of the President

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February 22, 1995

David Brightbill
Room 543, Main Capitol Bldg.
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Senator Brightbill,

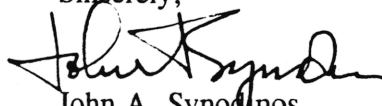
The intersection of Route 934 (White Oak Street) and Sheridan Avenue in Annville Township has been of growing concern to both the Annville Township Commissioners and Lebanon Valley College. Vehicles traveling south on Route 934 approach Sheridan Avenue at speeds which threaten anyone crossing at the intersection. This situation has become somewhat more critical since the College found it was necessary to develop parking on the west side of Route 934. Students, as well as College staff members, cross White Oak Street daily to attend classes.

As a result of discussions between the Township and the College, the Township engineers prepared a list of recommendations for consideration by Penn Dot. These are contained in a copy of the enclosed letter. We would add to that the suggestion that rumble strips and appropriate signage be installed as a quick and effective means to provide warning to motorists approaching Annville.

We are requesting your assistance in whatever manner you feel is appropriate to move Penn Dot toward an acceptable remedy as soon as possible. We prefer that this solution not be delayed until we experience a serious or even fatal accident. Realizing that funds are often not readily available for these type of requests, the College is also prepared to consider an additional gift to the Township to help fund these improvements.

Thank you for your assistance. Please feel free to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



John A. Synodinos
President

Enclosure

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PETER J. ZUG, MEMBER

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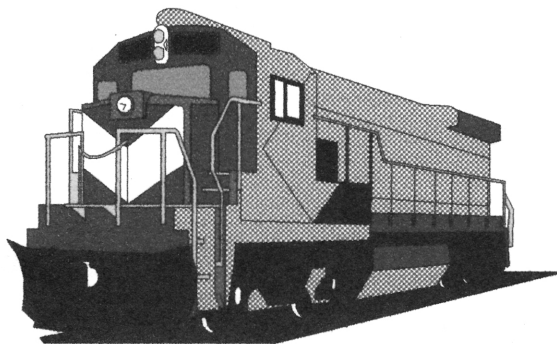


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PennDOT District 8-0
12 Year Transportation Program
Testimony
by
REP. PETER J. ZUG
April 6, 1995



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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVITATION TO
TESTIFY BEFORE THE TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION. ALSO, THANK YOU FOR
ALLOWING ME TO TESTIFY EARLY SINCE I
AM UNABLE TO BE IN YORK WHEN THE
LEBANON COUNTY DELEGATION PRESENTS
ITS TESTIMONY LATER TODAY. I HAVE A
PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED COMMITMENT.**

**AS YOU WILL NOTE, LEBANON COUNTY
IS UNIFIED IN OUR REQUEST FOR THE
LEBANON VALLEY. I WILL PRESENT AN
OVERVIEW AS LATER YOU WILL HEAR
MORE DETAILS OF OUR APPLICATION.
I DID, HOWEVER, WISH TO EMPHASIS OUR
UNIFIED SUPPORT OF OUR APPLICATION.**

1. NORTH/SOUTH IMPROVEMENTS - ROUTE

**72 THESE PROJECTS HAVE BEEN
PROGRAMMED AND BUDGETED FOR STUDY
AND IMPLEMENTATION ON THE CURRENT
TWELVE YEAR PROGRAM. THIS PROJECT
IS STILL OUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY.**

2. EAST/WEST IMPROVEMENTS THESE PROJECTS HAVE BEEN STUDIED AND ARE DESCRIBED IN THE 1991 LEBANON VALLEY EAST/WEST CORRIDOR STUDY AS PREPARED FOR AND FUNDED BY TWO COUNTIES, THIRTEEN MUNICIPALITIES, SEVERAL BUSINESSES, AND THE LEBANON VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS EFFORT REPRESENTS THE KIND OF REGIONAL COMMITMENT NOW REQUIRED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF

**TRANSPORTATION TO ELEVATE PROJECT
IDEAS ONTO THE TWELVE YEAR PROGRAM.
THE PROJECTS REQUESTED BY LEBANON
COUNTY CORRESPOND TO THE STUDY'S
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEAR TERM,
INTERMEDIATE AND LONG TERM
IMPLEMENTATION.**

3. ROUTE 501 - SCHAEFFERSTOWN

REALIGNMENT SINCE 1986, EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE BY LEBANON COUNTY TO REESTABLISH THIS 1970'S PROJECT ON THE TWELVE YEAR PROGRAM. DUE TO THE REGIONAL IMPACT OF AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ROUTE 501 CORRIDOR, LOCAL GOVERNMENT HAS MADE A SIGNIFICANT EFFORT TO ADVANCE THE STATUS OF THE REALIGNMENT PROJECT AND TO ATTEMPT TO EFFECT OTHER SAFETY

IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CORRIDOR. FOR
EXAMPLE, ON FEBRUARY 28, 1995,
HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
AGREED TO PURSUE THE "TURNBACK OF
ROADS" PROGRAM WITH THE
PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION AS A MEANS OF
ELIMINATING A HAZARDOUS
INTERSECTION ON ROUTE 501, JUST NORTH
OF THE PROPOSED REALIGNMENT
PROJECT. IT IS HOPED THAT THIS TYPE OF
LOCAL COMMITMENT WILL ENCOURAGE
THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**TO FINALLY RESTUDY THE ROUTE 501
"DOUBLE DOG-LEG" INTERSECTION IN
SCHAEFFERTOWN AND TO INCLUDE IT AS
A VIABLE PROJECT ON THE TWELVE YEAR
PROGRAM.**

**I HAVE ENCLOSED FOR YOUR REVIEW A
COPY OF LEBANON COUNTIES PRIORITY
LIST.**

**AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME
AND CONSIDERATION OF OUR PROJECTS.**

LEBANON COUNTY PRIORITY LIST

**1ST
FOUR YEARS**

- 1. East/West Corridor & Route 72
(North/South) Improvements.**
 - A. Lebanon City interconnect signals**
 - B. Intersection improvements & signal interconnections -
Annville/Palmyra/Hershey - Route 934,
Route 117 & Railroad Street**
 - C. Widen Route 422 - Palmyra to Annville**
 - D. Shoulder widening - Route 322 &
Route 422**
- 2. Study the realignment of Route 501 in
Schaefferstown**
- 3. Study improvements to railroad crossing -
Route 72 in Lebanon City**
- 4. Study East/West Corridor intermediate term
improvements**
- 5. All other improvements listed on current 12
Year Program**
- 6. Candidate bridge projects submitted in 1994**

**2ND
FOUR YEARS**

- 1. Implement Route 501 improvements**
- 2. Implement Route 72 railroad crossing improvements in Lebanon City**
- 3. Implement intermediate term improvements to East/West Corridor**
- 4. Study long term improvements for East/West Corridor**

**3RD
FOUR YEARS**

- 1. Study North/South long term improvements**
- 2. Implement selected long term East/West corridor improvements**

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Honorable Rick Geist
Chairman
House Transportation Committee
147 Main Capitol
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Chairman Geist:

Thank you for allowing me to place a highway project on the PennDOT 12-year plan. This letter is a follow-up to my letter of February 27th.

My project is the Route 501 lane relocation in Heidelberg Township, Lebanon County. This project encompasses approximately 1.2 miles and was last estimated to cost \$8,000,000.

Enclosed, for your information, is my testimony from yesterday's hearing regarding this matter. It is my impression that this project will remain a top priority of Lebanon County.

Again, thank you for your assistance in this important project.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter".

PETER J. ZUG, MEMBER
102nd Legislative District

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cc: Eric Bugaile



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