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House of Representatives
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
HARRISBURG

September 21, 1995

Honorable Ron Gamble, Chairman
Transportation Committee
202 South Office Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Huck:

In response to your September 14 letter, please have the following bridges included in any amendment to House Bill 1931:

ERIE COUNTY

CITY of ERIE:

Norman Way Bridge over Millcreek	
Bridge Rehabilitation	
Base Construction Cost	\$200,000
Land Allocation	-----
Design & Contingencies	<u>\$ 25,000</u>
TOTAL	\$225,000
McBride Viaduct/East Avenue over Railroad lines	
Bridge Rehabilitation	
Base Construction Cost	\$1,300,000
Land Allocation	-----
Design & Contingencies	<u>\$ 40,000</u>
TOTAL	\$1,340,000
Kahkwa Bridge over Ravine Drive	
Bridge Rehabilitation	
Base Construction	\$50,000
Land Allocation	-----
Design & Contingencies	<u>\$10,000</u>
TOTAL	\$60,000

GREENFIELD TOWNSHIP

Old Rte. 89 Bridge over T-974
Over West Branch of French Creek
Bridge Rehabilitation
Base Construction \$250,000
Land Allocation \$ 10,000
Design & Contingencies \$ 40,000
TOTAL \$300,000

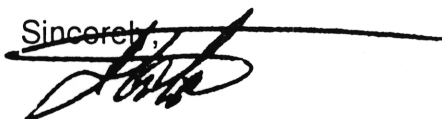
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

Falls Road/Falk Run
Bridge #1
Bridge Rehabilitation
Base Construction \$250,000
Land Allocation \$ 10,000
Design & Contingencies \$ 40,000
TOTAL \$300,000

Falls Road/Falk Run
Bridge #2
Bridge Rehabilitation
Base Construction \$250,000
Land Allocation \$ 10,000
Design & Contingencies \$ 40,000
TOTAL \$300,000

Thank you for your assistance in this matter, it is certainly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Italo S. Cappabianca
Representative, 2nd District

ISC/cmr

RON GAMBLE, MEMBER
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September 14, 1995

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The Honorable Italo S. Cappabianca
House of Representatives
30, East Wing

Dear Representative Cappabianca:

On Wednesday, September 20, the Transportation Committee will be considering House Bill 1931 sponsored by Rep. Dermody. This legislation is being used as the "Capital Bridge Bill" this year. As you are aware, all bridge projects must have capital authorization before they may be programmed and funded.

In the past, you have been asked to contact the Department of Transportation District Engineer in your area to identify bridges which need authorization. That process has been somewhat slow and often times bridges that need to be authorized are omitted. Additionally, the Republicans did not give us very much notice that they intended to run a capital bill this year so we need to act quickly.

As such, we have decided to undertake that task for you. We asked the department to identify all bridges which need authorization by legislative district (copy of bridges in your district are enclosed). Those bridges are currently being included in an amendment which we will add to HB 1931 in committee. You need only to check for additional local bridges that may need authorization. Those additions will be added as an amendment on the floor.

If you do have local bridges that need authorization, please submit to my office, in the following format, an accurate description of the project, approximate costs for construction, land allocation, and design.

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Example: Allegheny County

Penguin Road T-123 over Blitzburgh Creek	
Buck Township	
Bridge Replacement	\$950,000
Base construction	\$800,000
Land allocation	\$ 50,000
Design and Contingencies	\$100,000

If you need additional information or object to our inclusion of the bridge or bridges we have identified in the capital budget legislation, please contact my office.

Sincerely,



Ron Gamble, Democratic Chairman
Transportation Committee

RG/pp/tmc
Encl.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

1140 Liberty Street
Franklin, PA 16323
September 20, 1995



(814) 437-4291

IN REPLY REFER TO REF: House Bill 1931

The Honorable Italo S. Cappabianca
House of Representatives
Room 30, East Wing
Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Mr. Cappabianca:

In response to Representative Ron Gambie's letter of September 14, 1995, the following bridge projects should be added to HB 1931.

City of Erie

Norman Way Bridge over Millcreek
Bridge Rehabilitation
Base Construction Cost \$ 200,000
Land Allocation \$ -----
Design & Contingencies \$ 25,000

Total \$ 225,000

McBride Viaduct/East Ave.
over Railroad Lines
Bridge Rehabilitation
Base Construction Cost \$ 1.3
Land Allocation \$ -----
Design & Contingencies \$ 40,000

Total \$ 1.34

Kahkwa Bridge
over Ravine Drive
Bridge Rehabilitation
Base Construction \$ 50,000
Land Allocation \$ -----
Design & Contingencies \$ 10,000

Total \$ 60,000

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Greenfield Township

Old Rte 89 Bridge T-974
Over West Branch of French Creek
Bridge Rehabilitation
Base Construction Cost \$ 250,000
Land Allocation \$ 10,000
Design & Contingencies \$ 40,000

Total \$ 300,000

Franklin Township

Falls Road/Falk Run
Bridge #1
Bridge Rehabilitation
Base Construction \$ 250,000
Land Allocation \$ 10,000
Design & Contingencies \$ 40,000

Total \$ 300,000

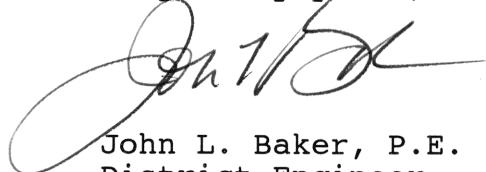
Falls Road/Falk Run
Bridge #2
Bridge Rehabilitation
Base Construction \$ 250,000
Land Allocation \$ 10,000
Design & Contingencies \$ 40,000

Total \$ 300,000

The Department normally takes care of any State owned bridges which need to be added to these proposed Billion Dollar Bridge Bills.

Any questions, please call me at the above listed number.

Very truly yours,



John L. Baker, P.E.
District Engineer
Engineering District 1-0

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March 16, 1995

Thomas C. Hoffman, Chairman
Metropolitan Planning Organization
Erie County Court House
140 West 6th Street
Erie, PA 16501

Dear Tom:


Thank you for your recent updates relative to your recent meetings with Secretary Mallory. I would like to add my support to the Peach Street Corridor project, and echo the importance of this project being completed in 1995. The Transit Demonstration Project is a key in the continued development of the downtown/bayfront area, and it is imperative that this transit project get up and running without delay.

In addition, I would like to stress my support and interest in the inclusion of several projects in the first four-year segment of the Transportation Commission's Twelve Year plan. I offer my support and recommendation of the following projects, all of which are important to the overall development of the city and should therefore be moved without delay:

- ** Completion of the four lane highway on Route 17, the Southern Tier Expressway to the New York state border
- ** Reconstruction of the bridge on Glenwood Avenue and 38th Street, near the Glenwood Avenue Zoo
- ** Replacement of the bridge on Alternate Route 5, over the Bayfront Parkway
- ** Completion of the Bayfront Highway to Interstate 90, on the East side of the City

Thank you for your attention to these projects, please continue to keep me abreast of any and all developments surrounding the Transportation Commission's plans.

Sincerely,


Italo S. Cappabianca
Representative, 2nd District

ISC/cmr



E R I E A R E A T R A N S P O R T A T I O N S T U D Y

September 21, 1995

Thomas C. Hoffman
Chairman

David K. Bossart
Vice Chairman

Rep. Italo S. Cappabianca
30 East Wing Capitol Complex
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0028

Dear Italo:

Today you got a 'fax' from us that responded to the letter you got from Representative Gamble on September 14 re. 'Capital Bridge Bill HB 1931'.

Our research with the PennDOT-Franklin District Office and with the Erie County Planning Department and City of Erie engineer tells us that we should ask you to add the following bridge projects to HB 1931:

City of Erie

Norman Way Bridge over Mill Creek Bridge (replacement/rehabilitation)	
Base Construction Cost	\$ 200,000
Land Allocation	\$
Design & Contingencies	<u>\$ 25,000</u>
Total	\$ 225,000

McBride Viaduct/East Avenue over Railroad Lines Bridge (replacement/rehabilitation)	
Base Construction Cost	\$1,300,000
Land Allocation	\$ 0
Design & Contingencies	<u>\$ 40,000</u>
Total	\$1,340,000

Kahkwa Bridge General Repair	
	\$ 50,000
Engineering	<u>\$ 10,000</u>
Total	\$ 60,000

Greenfield Township

Old Rte 89 Bridge T-974
Over West Branch of French Creek
Bridge (replacement/rehabilitation)
Base Construction Cost \$ 250,000
Land Allocation \$ 10,000
Design & Contingencies \$ 40,000
Total \$ 300,000

Franklin Township

Falls Road over Falk Run Bridge #1
Engineering \$ 40,000
Right-of-Way \$ 10,000
Construction \$ 250,000
Total \$ 300,000

Franklin Township

Falls Road over Falk Run Bridge #2
Engineering \$ 40,000
Right-of-Way \$ 10,000
Construction \$ 250,000
Total \$ 300,000

We received input from Diane Confino of the Governor's office saying that we should get this information to you, as local representative, so it can be added to HB 1931.

Thank you for alerting us to this matter. Hopefully, the information is adequate for identification and inclusion in HB 1931. If not, we will get after PennDOT-Franklin and the city engineer for more specification.

Sincerely,



Thomas C. Hoffman
Chairman

cc: David A. Skellie, Director, Erie County Planning
Brenda Sweeney, Transportation Planner, Erie County Planning
Ricard L. Morris, P.E., Erie City Engineer

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March 22, 1993

Honorable Howard Yerusolim, Secretary
Department of Transportation
1200 Transportation & Safety Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Secretary Yerusolim: *Howard:*

Over the past few months you have received numerous recommendations for Mr. Jack Gallagher to succeed Mr. David DeLosa as County Maintenance Manager for District 1-2. I not only add my name to the list of those recommending Mr. Gallagher, but completely support Mr. Gallagher and encourage your consideration of him for the post.

As you know, Jack Gallagher served as Assistant Manager for twelve years. Through his service in that position he served Erie County with distinction. Who better to be appointed Manager, than someone who has gained immeasurable experience and job knowledge by serving as assistant for so many years.

The Erie area is unique in its weather, geographic relation to the rest of the Commonwealth and the needs of our residents. Jack Gallagher would, without a doubt, be best suited to address those needs.

I have known Jack Gallagher for many years and have found him to an exceptional person, one for whom the challenges of the County Maintenance Manager position would never be insurmountable. I offer my recommendation of Jack Gallagher without hesitation or reservation and ask strongly urge your consideration of same.

Sincerely yours,


Italo S. Cappabianca,
State Representative

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cc: John O'Boyle

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June 8, 1993

Mr. & Mrs. John E. Smith
933 Lincoln Avenue
Erie, PA 16505

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Smith:

Upon receiving your May 28th letter to Secretary Yerusolim, in which you express several of your concerns with regard to the BayFront Highway, I called Jack Baker, District Engineer for PennDOT and spoke with him personally. He assured me that he will be addressing your concerns very shortly and that you should expect to hear from him in the very near future.

There is one situation mentioned in your letter that should be brought to the attention of Mayor Savocchio. The matter of the trucks traveling north on Lincoln could be rectified under the City's Truck Route designation. The City can prohibit truck travel on certain roadways, perhaps Lincoln Avenue could be designated as such, to alleviate that traffic.

Should you not receive a response within the next week or so, from Jack Baker, please do not hesitate to call my office. However, I feel certain that he will be addressing your letter in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

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Italo S. Cappabianca
Representative, 2nd District

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March 10, 1993

Fran Strouse
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
Bureau of Aviation
208 Airport Drive
Harrisburg International Airport
Middletown, PA 17057

Dear Mr. ~~Strouse~~: *Fran*:

Please allow me to thank you for your prompt response to my inquiry yesterday, with respect to Capital Budget projects at the Erie International Airport. I was pleased with the information I received, and got a very positive feeling for the prospects of these projects.

As I said in our conversation, it is imperative that these projects be expedited. The Erie International Airport serves a great number of people in the northwest corner of the Commonwealth, and we must continue our active support of all construction, renovation and refurbishing that is planned.

I look forward to seeing this money released and these projects underway. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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Italo S. Cappabianca,
State Representative

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