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Michael F. Dieckmann
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Dear Mike:

This is in follow-up to our phone conversation earlier this week concerning what needs to be done in order to officially rename property that is owned by the state.

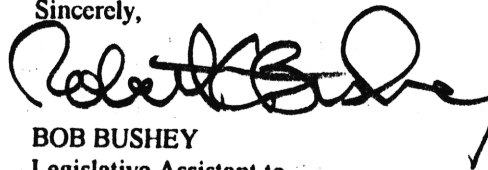
In this case, renaming the "Pullman Viaduct" "Picklegate Crossing" would require legislation directing that this occur and that the state Department of Transportation erect signs to this effect. Usually, identical bills are introduced in the House and the Senate by the respective, affected legislators. However, the legislation could run as a single House or Senate bill. The bottom line is that the legislation must be scheduled to run through the legislative process just like any other bill and it would have to be signed into law by the Governor, which is almost always not a problem.

I can't speak for Representative Steighner, but I know Tim would not introduce a bill like this until there is significant, demonstrated community support for the project. Pullman Viaduct is among the best known landmarks/transportation byways in Butler, and renaming a bridge like this is not something that he would lightly undertake.

Without knowing all that was said at the Supervisors' meeting, it is difficult to be very specific about any next steps. However, if the constituent who raised this issue is still interested in the matter, I would urge him to try to raise community awareness as to why the name change is appropriate. Perhaps he could go on WBUT at lunch time or talk a reporter at the Eagle into doing a feature story on the historical significance of Picklegate Crossing. Then, collect some petitions, and, if the community supports the change, he could re-approach the Butler Township Supervisors to sponsor a resolution asking for the change in names.

If the above steps were successfully undertaken, legislation could be introduced. From there, the fate of the name change would be left to all the ins and outs of the state legislative process, which I need not tell you, Mike, are unpredictable and uncertain. I hope this explanation is helpful.

Sincerely,



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