



April 8, 2021

The Honorable Mike Kelly
United States House of Representatives
101 East Diamond Street, Suite 210
Butler, PA 16001

Re: Highway & Transit Member Designated Projects (MDP)
SR 228 Three Degree Road project
Adams Township, Butler County
Butler Bypass Phase 2 project
Franklin, Connoquenessing, and Butler Townships, Butler County
PA 68 Corridor Improvements project
Connoquenessing, and Butler Townships, Butler County

Dear Representative Mike Kelly:

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) in cooperation with the Southwest Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) is pleased to submit the above projects for consideration for the Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure in the U.S. House of Representatives Member Designated Projects (MDP) grants. These projects are vital links to the transportation network in Butler County and are very critical for the flow of commerce and commuting traffic in the region.

The \$47.4M, SR 228 Three Degree Road project will provide safety improvements, including through lanes, turn lanes, side road improvements, addition of service roads for access control, drainage and guide rail upgrades, signal replacement, signage and pavement markings, sidewalks, ADA ramps, and a roundabout along PA 228 (Mars Crider Road) from 500 feet east of its intersection with SR 3015 (Mars Valencia Road) to 1.0 mile east of its intersection with SR 3007 (Three Degree Road) in Adams Township.

- This project is 60% complete through the design process and will be ready for bidding in the fall of 2022 with construction to begin soon after.

The \$7.5M, Butler Bypass Phase 2 project will patch the existing concrete four-lane roadway and overlay with bituminous binder and wearing courses, update drainage and guide rail, replace concrete median barrier, perform preservation work on structures, and pave SR 8008 ramps along US 422 from the Duffy Rd (SR 3039) overpass to Whipporwill Rd (Old Route 422/ T-439) in Franklin, Connoquenessing, and Butler Townships, Butler County.

- This project is 25% complete through the design process and will be ready for bidding in late 2022 with construction to begin soon after.

The \$12.8M, PA 68 Corridor Improvements project will provide signal replacement, installation of turn lanes, and corridor improvements to enhance safety and reduce congestion along PA 68 from just east of Stevenson Road (T-425) to the intersection of Meridian Road/Benbrook Road (SR 3007) in Connoquenessing and Butler Townships, Butler County.

- This project is 50% complete through the design process and will be ready for bidding in late 2022 with construction to begin soon after.

These 3 (three) projects are significant for the Department and have been progressing through the design process and are on SPC's Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). The Department is committed to advancing these projects to the construction phase in the next year which will create many impactful jobs and infuse vital funding into the Butler County economy.

PennDOT and SPC are committing a significant portion of the SPC TIP to these projects, which includes a 20% match requirement.

Please accept this letter as a commitment of Pennsylvania's state match for each of these projects and dedication to ensure they will be in construction for the FFY 2022 season.

Should you have any further questions about this matter or require additional information, please contact Harold L. Swan, Manager, of the Planning and Programming Department at 724.357.2082.

Sincerely,

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