



April 6, 2021

Honorable Mike Kelly
U.S. House of Representatives
101 East Diamond Street, Suite 210
Butler, PA 16001

Re: Highway & Transit Member Designated Projects (MDP)
East Washington Street
Shenango Township, Lawrence County
East Washington Street Bridge
City of New Castle, Lawrence County

Dear Congressman Kelly:

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) in cooperation with the Southwestern 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 two projects are vital links in the transportation network in Lawrence County and are very critical for the flow of commerce and commuting traffic in the region.

The \$4 million East Washington Street roadway project which includes milling and resurfacing on SR 65, East Washington Street in Shenango Township and the City of New Castle, Lawrence County will make essential roadway improvements on this major thoroughfare that will result in economic benefits and an improved quality of life for residents in the area. Benefits of this project to the community include improved roadway pavement, improved safety conditions, and improved pedestrian accessibility. This project is not scheduled for construction until 2023 due to the current funding situation but could easily be moved up to an earlier construction season should construction funds become available.

The \$9.5 million East Washington Street Bridge project includes Bridge replacement/restoration on SR2006, East Washington Street over Neshannock Creek in the City of New Castle in Lawrence County. This structure connects the vital SR 0065 from downtown New Castle to its southeastern neighborhoods. This project is about 70% complete through the design process and will be ready for advertisement for bidding early 2022 with construction starting in Spring 2022.

Both of these projects are significant projects for the Department and have since been carried through the design process and are on the SPC's Transportation Improvement Plan. The Department is committed to advancing both of these projects to the construction phase in the next year which will create many impactful jobs and infuse vital funding into the Lawrence County economy.

PennDOT and the SPC are committing a significant portion of the SPC Transportation Improvement Program 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 both are in construction for the 2022 season.

Should you have any further questions about this matter or require additional information, please contact me at (412) 429-5001.

Sincerely yours,
PennDOT District 11

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