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Mr. Thomas Zilla, Transportation Planner
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c/o Centre Regional Planning Commission
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Dear Mr. Zilla:

The Supervisors of Rush Township support and recommend that the proposed interchange on I-80 to access the northern portion of Rush Township be approved and constructed.

It is our understanding that the proposed interchange and the necessary road improvements will be funded entirely by Resource Recovery, LLC, and that no public funds will be used in this interchange construction. Rush Township will work with Snow Shoe Township to facilitate this road improvement project which will provide access to the Rush Township Industrial Enterprise Zone. Development within this industrial enterprise zone could in the future extend into Snow Shoe Township, providing economic development opportunities for Snow Shoe Township.

We, therefore, request that the Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization promptly amend the Centre County Long Range Transportation Plan to incorporate a new I-80 interchange to accommodate the planned development of the northern portion of Rush Township, and that the Centre County MPO then notify PennDOT and the FHWA of their approval of the new point-of-access.

We thank you for your cooperation with our request.

Sincerely,

Rush Township Supervisors


John A. Shannon, Chairman

JAS/lmr