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May 11, 2007

Mr. Thomas P. Zilla, AICP  
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RE: I-80 Interchange

Dear Mr. Zilla:

Rush Township requests the Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO) to incorporate the proposed I-80/Gorton Road Interchange project into its Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). As documented in the letter dated June 28, 2005, Resource Recovery LLC will provide 100% of the funding needed to plan, design and construct the new interchange, and associated road improvements, as outlined in the November 26, 2006 Point of Access Study (POA). We understand that incorporating the project on the LRTP and TIP would be conditioned upon it being 100% privately funded.

We believe the below listed changes/actions that have occurred since the CCMPO's previous actions on this request, are cause for the CCMPO to act favorably upon our request.

1. PennDOT reviewed the POA Study and determined that the study "meets the guidelines of Design Manual 1A-Appendix G."
2. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) reviewed the POA Study and determined, in general, that the traffic analysis and geometric layout for the proposed interchange is acceptable.
3. FHWA has recommended that Rush Township request the CCMPO put the interchange on the TIP and LRTP.
4. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has stopped its review of the landfill permit pending the determination of the access to the landfill site (interchange or local roads).

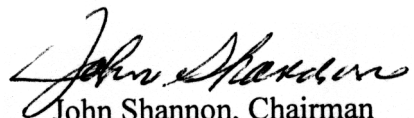
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5. Rush Township has adopted a Comprehensive Plan that incorporates this interchange into its future economic and development plans.
6. Rush Township has adopted a Land Development and Subdivision Ordinance.
7. Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. has applied for a quarry permit from DEP to quarry stone on a portion of the Rush Township Industrial Development Site.
8. Resource Recovery LLC has presented plans for a bio-diesel plant on a portion of the Rush Township Industrial Development Site, as proposed by the company's Master Plan of three years ago.
9. Rush Township has followed the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) in establishing a Comprehensive Plan and has petitioned Centre County to include the Rush Township Comprehensive Plan in the County's next revision to its Comprehensive Plan as required by the MPC regulations.

Enclosed for distribution to each of the Coordinating Committee members, is a site master plan of Rush Township's Industrial Enterprise Zone.

I trust you will forward this request to the Coordinating Committee for receipt at their May meeting – with the hope that they can act on this request at their June meeting.

Sincerely,

  
John Shannon, Chairman  
Rush Township Supervisors

Enclosures

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