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Mr. Kenneth McClain, District Executive
PA Department of Transportation - Engineering District 6-0
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RE: Route 82 (Creek Road) Bridge Closure in Kennett Township, Chester County

Dear Mr. McClain,

I am writing in reference to the Route 82 (Creek Road) bridge closure in Kennett Township, Chester County. My staff has been in close contact with PennDOT District 6 personnel over the past two weeks obtaining immediate information regarding the closure and its current status.

I understand that this closure happened suddenly and was done immediately to protect the public at large considering the bridges' severe deficiencies and deterioration of the bridge deck and super structure. But, I cannot stress the importance of expediting this project enough and its high level of priority. Closures like such, impose a huge inconvenience on the surrounding community and we are quickly approaching a new school year. Any sort of closure during the school year will greatly impact bussing or carpooling kids to and from school.

With that in mind, I want to remind everyone that this community has been dealing with extended amounts of closures over the past few years and it's my hope that PennDOT strives to avoid the problems that surrounded Burnt Mill Road Bridge project with this project. I am requesting that PennDOT act swiftly to reconstruct the Rt. 82 (Creek Road) Bridge in Kennett Township.

Thank you for attention on this matter. Do not hesitate to contact me if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen E. Barrar".

Stephen E. Barrar
State Representative, 160th Legislative District

CC: Eugene Blaum, Assistant to the District Executive, PennDOT District 6-0
Lisa Moore, Kennett Township Manager

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August 16, 2018

The Honorable Stephen E. Barrar
PA House of Representatives
One Beaver Valley Road, Suite 100
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Dear Representative Barrar:

This is in response to your recent correspondence regarding the emergency closure of the Route 82 (Creek Road) bridge in Kennett Township, Chester County, and the need to expedite the reopening of this crossing over the East Branch of Red Clay Creek.

PennDOT shares your concern about this two-span, steel I-beam bridge that closed suddenly on June 22, 2018, due to its deteriorating condition and the need to protect the motoring public. We understand the impact of closing this key traffic route in Kennett Township, and we are working to open the bridge at the earliest possible time.

Due to the importance of this bridge, the department is advancing a project to rehabilitate the two-span, steel I-beam structure by replacing its deteriorated deck and superstructure. The superstructure includes the steel beams and additional components that support the deck. Work is underway to prepare the engineering design plans for this bridge improvement project.

To accelerate its repair, the Route 82 (Creek Road) bridge is being added to the next regional Group Bridge contract (Group N) that is scheduled to be bid this fall. While it is too early to speculate as to when construction will start and exactly how long construction will last due to the significant extent of repairs required to address the serious deterioration of the steel beams, we fully anticipate construction to begin in 2019. My staff will inform you when we have a definitive construction timeframe.

Thank you for your time and for your input in regards to this transportation infrastructure concern. If you should need additional information, please contact Charles Davies, P.E., Assistant District Executive for Design, at 610.205.6670.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. McClain".

Kenneth M. McClain
District Executive 6-0