

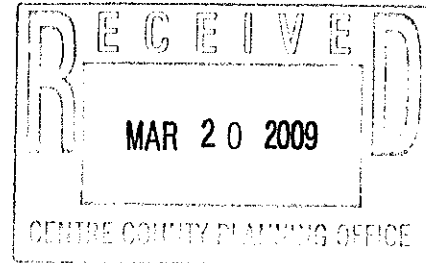
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Coordinating Committee  
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Dear Committee Members,

This letter is from the Marion Township Supervisors regarding the meeting of February 24, 2009 – I-80/Rt. 26 interchange. Thank you for the opportunity to address this body.

As you are now very aware the Marion Township Supervisors are supporting the desires of the majority of constituents and are actively protecting the request as per the comprehensive study to maintain the township as a rural community.

Although members of our Board of Supervisors & Planning Commission continue to attend all meetings associated with the Shay Interchange we leave the meetings with many unanswered questions.

This was readily recognized by the Chairman and Barbara Spencer of Halfmoon Township of the reluctance to provide complete answers to the questions.

We still would like answers to the following questions in writing:

1. Explain the procedure that led to the decision to place the interchange at Shay Lane?
2. At what level and who in management made the final decision?
3. How does this information in these meetings get to the decision makers?
4. If this project goes forward knowing the opposition put forth from Marion Township and the Howard area and a horrible accident occurs on Rt. 26 can Penn DOT be held liable?
5. Can we obtain minutes from all departments and committee meetings when the Shay Interchange is or to be discussed?
6. We would hope that an updated impact study more recent than 15 years is available and are we able to receive this information?

7. May we request a true copy of these minutes be made available to Marion Township and the Howard Township/Borough members?
8. Can we be apprised of the study to improve Rt. 26 from the West End Township line through to Rt. 150?
9. Is it possible for Marion Township and the Howard Township/Borough members to have a formal vote with this committee?

Ray Gutshall, Supervisor/Head Roadmaster was asked at the last meeting where Marion Township would like to see the local access located. This was discussed and the general feeling is that if an access cannot possibly be implemented in the present area then no access be made at all to maintain our rural area. Those traveling east from Marion Township would access the Lamar interchange and those traveling west from Marion Township would travel to Milesburg.

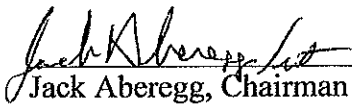
If the Shay Interchange is put thru without the consent of Marion Township then the least the State can do is make Rt. 26 safe for our residents.

It is rather disheartening when our Planning Commission members and Supervisors know more about the present impact than the PennDOT officials such as the amount of truck traffic presently on Rt. 26, how many Amish Families in the area, school bus concerns, etc. This does not provide us with much confidence in the decision making of PennDOT.

We want to commend this board in asking the right questions, the Chairman who did his homework and drove the roads of concern while encountering a vehicle on the bridge of the narrows.

We just want the constituents of Marion Township and the Howard Township/Borough to know we have done all we can either with or without the interchange to maintain safe roadways and our rural setting.

Respectfully,

  
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Jack Aberegg, Chairman  
Marion Township Supervisors

cc: Howard Borough Supervisors  
Howard Township Supervisors  
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Karen Michael, Penn DOT  
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