

Flood Recovery Task Force, Inc. Subcommittee on
Transportation, 1972 September: Correspondence,

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STRESSTEEL CORPORATION

221 Conyngham Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18702
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August 25, 1972

The Honorable Max Rosenn
Federal Office Building
Main and South Streets
Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18703

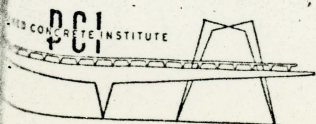
Re: Flood Recovery Task Force, Inc.

Dear Max:

I do not believe that the bi-monthly schedule of meetings which we now have for Flood Recovery Task Force, Inc., provides sufficient latitude for discussion of the various problems and projects which come up. Although I hate to establish another committee, I offer the suggestion that we have regular informal weekly meetings of what could be called the Executive Committee of the Task Force, composed of its officers and committee heads. At this meeting, progress reports should not take up the time, but rather we should discuss how to handle new problems as they emerge, and use the Executive Committee as a sounding board to establish policies for carrying out the activities of each of our committees.

These functions cannot be accomplished at a meeting such as the one we had today as the time just is not available to bring up any new matters.

As an example of what I mean, a matter was brought to my attention which I think is of serious proportions and may affect a lot of re-development. I refer to the reports I hear concerning the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority, its lack of speedy action towards rehabilitation, its estimate of one year before the primary treatment plant is back in operation, and its continued disregard of the State's requirement for secondary treatment facilities. In reference to the secondary treatment problem, it is reported to me that several communities have run into a major obstacle. In effect, the EDA is saying to the communities, you cannot have funds for your rehabilitation and renewal programs until we are assured that the Sanitary Authority is proceeding with secondary treatment.

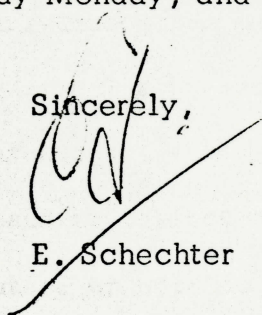


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This whole issue concerning the Sanitary Authority is complicated and, without further information, we cannot just assume that they are acting improperly, and not in the best interests of the community. It should be studied by a knowledgeable committee, who can become familiar with both the technical and the political aspects of the situation. The question we must resolve is whether this is a proper activity for the Flood Recovery Task Force and, if so, who should head up the committee.

I have asked Ed Heiselberg to write you more of the details on this situation. His letter should be read along with mine to give you background information. I will be pleased to discuss it with you at your convenience. I will be out of town Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, but will be in my office all day Monday, and Thursday and Friday.

Sincerely,


E. Schechter

ES/k
cc: Ed Heiselberg

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Re: Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority

Dear Max:

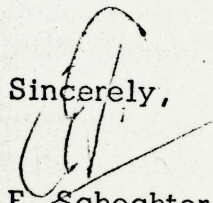
Please refer to my letter of August 25th in which I mention the problem of the Sanitary Authority. I have, since that time, made several inquiries and I find, as I suspected, that this problem is extremely complicated and not one which can reach an easy solution. Lester Shapiro, who is my principal source of information, and a member of the Sanitary Authority Board, would be very willing to have a special committee of the Task Force work on the problems of the Authority. I think it is something which should be considered.

Lester confirms that EDA funds are being held up because of lack of commitment on secondary treatment facilities. He has many reasons why this is an unreasonable attitude, and is convinced that the Sanitary Authority Board is unanimous against secondary treatment at this time.

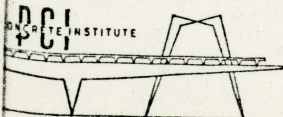
The rumor I heard that primary treatment could not be re-started for about one year is false. The Corps of Engineers have taken over rehabilitation of the Sanitary Authority facilities and are planning to have this in operation within 4 - 8 weeks from today.

I still feel this is a subject for discussion at a Flood Recovery Task Force meeting.

Sincerely,


E. Schechter

ES/k
cc: E. Heiselberg



Telephone of Lester 8/29/72
of King - 7000 plant over
\$2 m.

Can bill HUD for mobile
home -

Bonds will be protected -

No cash money on
Rehabs. -

Good progress reports -
2-3 whr test run on
pumps. -

Treat sewage - with ^m G-Sch.

2nd
2. State Mandate vs.

2nd treatment -

50-100% more to
every home owner

24 vs \$48/yr year
per home owner -

And mine water

1990 - 40 MGD - peak capacity

1972 20-22 MGD -

= 10

1,000, MGD - neutralized by

acid -

Mansions Board

Wyoming Valley
Members of the Sanitary Authority

1. OK Alfred B. Borowski
- X 2. Robert P. Collins Sr. *Wyoming*
- ? 3. John P. Connors - *Wm Pittston - leader*
- X 4. Edward J. Tataicher *Pittston*
5. OK Albert J. Fladd *Edmund, Pa. R/S - 1 for removal.*
6. OK Frank Hughes
- X 7. Elmer Kotalik *rem. expires Dec 72 (Kasper)*
8. OK Richard J. Leroy
9. OK Donald D. McFadden
- X 10. Clifton C. Miller *W. Pittston*
- X 11. Joseph L. Ochreitor Jr. *Jenkins Twp.*
12. OK William J. Pearce
- ? 13. Mitchell Alessett - *Phymouth*
- X 14. *Extinct - Joe Gargano - Pittston*
- X 15. *Simon J. Gussin - Plans*
16. *Lester J. Shapiro*
- X 17. *Anthony S. Shapiro - Plans - Twp.*
18. OK *Stanley G. Gowa*
- X 19. *Charles J. Spellman - 100 - expires Dec 72*
- X 20. *Andrew J. Gasil - Extinct*

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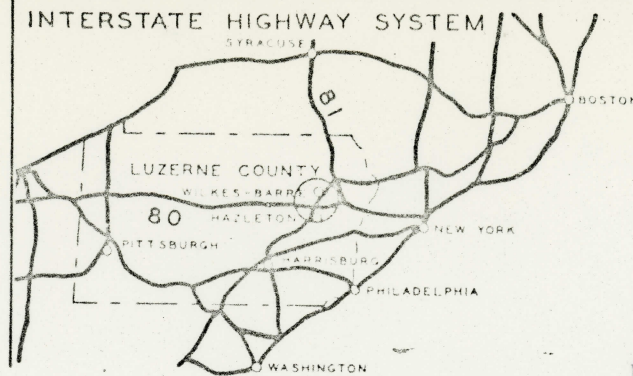
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- X 20. Andrew J. Vasil Exeter

(X) Director Henry Leve
 Engineer Milton - Milton - Resigned. -
 Tom G. Liden - Supervisor -
 plus A & F.

Conflict w/ Ben Flood. -

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Judge Max Rosenn
197 S. Main St.
Wilkes-Barre, Penna.

Dear Max:

A serious problem exists in connection with the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority.

Prior to the flood, the Pa. Dept. of Environmental Resources had ordered the Authority to have an engineering study made for converting from primary to secondary treatment. The Authority considered several engineers and employed Middle Atlantic Engineering Company which few people heard of before. This was brought to Court as to whether the engineering study should proceed, and it was learned that the President of the Company did not graduate from an engineering school as he had claimed, and was not qualified. The contract with this engineering firm was voided, and the Authority decided not to take any action for a six month period, which must be up by now.

Then came the flood, and the sewage was dumped into the Susquehanna River without treatment. According to Bob Shepherd of EDCNEP, Mr. Henry Levi, the Director, says it will take about a year to get the plant back

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in operation. However, the Corps of Engineers have brought the plant to within 95% of operation already. Bob Bielo, Director, Susquehanna River Basin Commission called me August 24, to indicate that this was the only major Sewage Plant in the Susquehanna River, which is not operative, and he offered whatever help he could.

Several of the communities in the Wyoming Valley Area have HUD commitments for building sewage collection systems. Others have applied for EDA grants for sewage systems. The three chambers of commerce are applying for EDA grants to construct industrial parks. I know that HUD is holding up grants on Jenkins and Pittston townships on sewage collection systems until the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority proceeds with plans to convert to secondary treatment. Plains Township and Swoyersville Borough sewage collection systems are being revised, and will also probably be held up until secondary treatment is available because the Environmental Protection Agency has not given a certificate of adequacy. Bob Shepherd says that EDA seems to be backing away from grants to industrial parks, because the sewage would go to the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority without secondary treatment. However, for Hanover Industrial Park, the Environmental Protection Association will grant a conditional waiver, on the basis that when the project is complete if secondary treatment is not available, Hanover Industrial Park will be required to put in its own treatment plant.

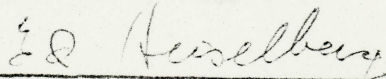
It will probably take a year to design the secondary treatment plant.

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If the Authority wants to appoint its own engineer, this could probably be funded by EDA, or EDA could use its own engineer, as Michael Baker.

I hope that the County Recovery Task Force can help with this problem.

Yours truly,



Edward Heiselberg, Director of Planning
Luzerne County Planning Commission

EH/adeg

cc: Ed Schechter, Howard Grossman, John Hourigan, Bob Shepherd, Robert Bielo

LUZERNE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
LUZERNE COUNTY COURT HOUSE
WILKES-BARRE, PENNA.

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Technical Members of Lackawanna - Luzerne Transportation Study
FROM: Ed Heiselberg
DATE: September 1, 1972
SUBJECT: Flood Situation and Evaluating LLTS plan, and Continuing Program
LLTS.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A meeting will be held of the Technical Committee of the Lackawanna - Luzerne Transportation Study Tuesday, September 12 at 2:00 P. M. in the Commissioners Meeting Room.

Originals to John Churnetski, Leo Corbett

cc: Marty Coon, Tom Harrington, Louis Keefer, Ray Seeman, Ed Schechter,
John Hourigan

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FLOOD RECOVERY TASK FORCE, INC.
P.O. Box No.1367
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TO: MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
FLOOD RECOVERY TASK FORCE, INC.
FROM: JUDGE MAX ROSENN, CHAIRMAN

A meeting of this group will be held on Thursday, September 7 at the Hotel Sterling. The meeting will be at 12:15 p.m. and will be a luncheon meeting.

Please make every effort to attend as important matters will be reviewed and discussed.

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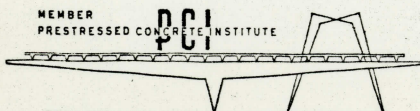
Dear Jim:

Here are some local clippings on DOT related items. This is not complete, but is what I had in my files. Thanks for your help yesterday.

Sincerely,

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attach.

E. Schechter



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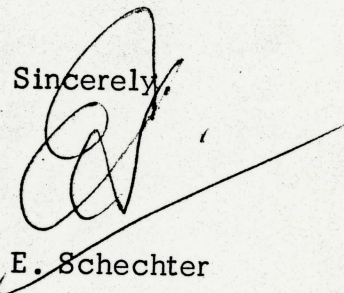
To: Flood Recovery Task Force Inc.
Subcommittee on Transportation

Gentlemen:

Just a reminder that we will have our usual Thursday morning breakfast meeting at 8:00 A. M., at the Treadway, on September 7th.

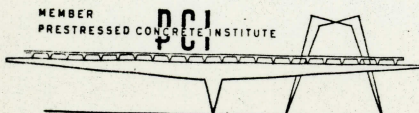
I look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,



E. Schechter

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September 1, 1972

Mrs. R. K. Farrell
Secretary to Commissioner Wideman
Luzerne County Court House
Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18701

Dear Mrs. Farrell:

Thank you for the Minutes, which I am returning. On the Minutes of the Special Commissioners Meeting, I make the following suggested corrections:

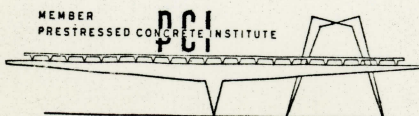
1. It was moved by Mr. Wideman, seconded by Mr. Crossin, to require of Bellante, Clauss, Miller and Nolan and Gannet, Fleming, Cordry and Carpenter, consultants for the Immediate Action Program of the Lackawanna Luzerne Mass Transportation Study, to develop and prepare on or before September 30th a Luzerne County Transit Development Program. "Ayes", by the Commissioners, and the Committee.
2. Mr. Crossin made a motion that the County Commissioners should inform Mr. Francis Carney, OEP Regional Representative, of the need to continue the grant for free bus service beyond September 30th, the target date set by OEP for the completion of all mobile home sites, and to indicate to Mr. Carney that the County Commissioners believe that the emergency requiring the continuation of the free bus grant will last at least until the completion of the temporary North Street bridge in January 1973. Mrs. Price seconded the motion. "Ayes" by the Commissioners, and the Committee.

Many thanks for giving me the opportunity to review these.

Sincerely,

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encs.

E. Schechter



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September 13, 1972

The Honorable Max Rosenn
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Re: Inaccurate Press

Dear Max:

On three occasions in the last week the Times-Leader, Evening News has published stories which have been vehemently denied by the principals.

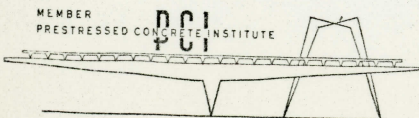
1. A 9/7/72 story, "Plans Unveiled For 3rd Bridge", has been personally denied to me as untrue by Harrington, Kassab, and all local PennDOT officials.
2. A 9/12/72 story, "Free Buses Cause Firms to Seek More Drivers", has been vehemently denied to me as untrue by Carlucci in those instances where he is quoted.
3. A 9/13/72 story, "Contractors Quit Work on HUD Projects", Carlucci stated to me that he does not know of any such situation and that the statement of late payments to contractors is untrue.

This bad press is disruptive to all concerned and creates a lot of confusion and difficulty of which I am sure you are more aware than I. If there are deliberate motives behind this type of thing, it may be very difficult to stop, but it also may be worthwhile trying. Do you think David DeCosmos committee can get into this, or is it something which has to be handled at a higher level.

Sincerely,

E. Schechter

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attach.



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Timothy Atkeson, General Counsel
Executive Office of the President
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722 Jackson Place, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

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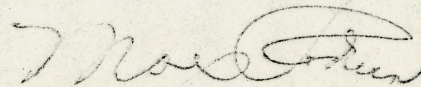
Dear Mr. Atkeson:

I thank you for your letter of August 29th with respect to the waiver of the impact statement on the National Environmental Policy Act for the temporary bridge at North Street over the Susquehanna River between the City of Wilkes-Barre and the Borough of Kingston.

You are correct that plans for a permanent bridge at this location are underway. It is expected that the permanent structure will be a four lane bridge, the former being a two lane bridge. Of course, I cannot speak for the Federal agencies but I assume that their plans will give full consideration to the question of whether or not a permanent structure would require an environmental impact statement. I can, however, state at this time that the environmental impact can only be de minimis since the westerly terminal of the bridge can at best only occupy a few feet of "Nesbitt Park" in Kingston. All of this park is inside the levee area of the Susquehanna River and was appropriated around 1936 by Army Corps engineers for flood protection purposes.

I thank you very much for your courtesy and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,



MAX ROSENN

MR:cjr

cc: Hon. Jacob Kassab
Secretary of Transportation
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Dr. James Costantino
Regional Representative
of the Secretary
U.S. Dept. of Transportation

Edward Schechter, Chairman
Road, Bridge & Trans. Committee
Flood Recovery Task Force, Inc.

TO

Dr. James Costantino
DOT
c/o Federal Regional Council Office
Sterling Hotel, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

FROM

STRESSTEEL CORPORATION

221 Conyngham Avenue
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

SUBJECT: WORK SCHECULE - LUZERNE COUNTY TRANSIT

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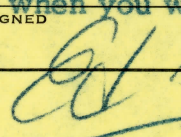
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MESSAGE

Jim:

This is the best I can do out of my notes of the 8/31 meeting. Tasks 3.1 & 3.2 are behind schedule but they can make up the time next week if all goes well. Data on 1.1 will be ready if all we need to ask for is a quantity of new busses sometime in the future; if we decide to take over the existing bus companies by acquiring their assets now, with this application, it is going to delay the completion of the work. Can we do this in two stages without prejudicing our second application? I'd like to discuss these matters with you when we meet Monday. Please call 825 - 7381 when you want me to pick you up.

SIGNED



DATE

REPLY

SIGNED

LETTER-LIMINATOR

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per meeting 8/31/72

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1.0 CAPITAL FACILITIES

- 1.1 Prepare & submit prelim. app'l
- 1.2 UMTA Review " "
- 1.3 Prepare & submit final app'l
- 1.4 Publish Public Notices
- 1.5 Conduct Public Hearing
- 1.6 Prepare & submit ISC
- 1.7 Obtain LCo. Com. approval
- 1.8 Obtain W.B. City Gov. "
- 1.9 Obtain Model Cities "
- 1.10 E.I.S. Clearance

2.0 TECHNICAL STUDY

- 2.1 Complete Transit Development Program (TDP)
- 2.2 Submit to and obtain approval of L-LTS

3.0 DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

- 3.1 Prepare + submit draft applic.
- 3.2 UMTA Review " "
- 3.3 Prepare + submit final applic.
- 3.4 Prepare + submit I/C
- 3.5 Obtain approval LoCo Com.
- 3.6 " " W-B City Gov
- 3.7 " " Model Cities
- 3.8 EIS Clearance

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TO

Andrew Hourigan

FROM

STRESSTEEL CORPORATION

221 Conyngham Avenue

Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

SUBJECT:

FRTF Inc./ Highway Legislation

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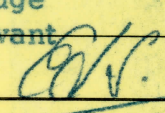
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MESSAGE

Andy:

Enclosed is a list of local projects which describes their status on the capital budget. The legislators must be encouraged to take action on these items or all of our good intentions and plans will be just that - not ~~ing~~ highways. Of particular immediate importance are Priority Items 6, 2, & 5 (North St Bridge & Connections) and Priority Item ~~N~~ 8 (North St. to LR 1052 - North Cross Valley Expressway). The Federal Government has just given approval to proceed with Priority Item No 1 but their approval is contingent upon Penn DOT taking simultaneous action to widen River Street to connect with the new bridge i.e., Priority Item 8. Please call on me if I can be of help, or if you want my committee to discuss this subject with our legislators.

SIGNED



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REPLY

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FORM 1100, REGENT FORMS, PHILA., PA. 19130

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STATUS OF URGENTLY NEEDED PROJECTS REGARDING THE STATE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS
FOR THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY OF THE WYOMING VALLEY AREA

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3	<u>NX Valley L R 1052</u>	Section 1 (NW of Susq. River)	282	E-15		\$13.15		Satisfactory
1		Section 2 (Bridge and approaches)	124	E-15	*			Satisfactory
4		Section 3 (River St. to Int. 81)	125	E-15	*			Satisfactory
6	<u>North St. Bridge and Highway Connections</u>	Pierce St. from Rt. 11 to Third St. in Kingston	279 Ext.	17			\$ 1.0	Need funds for eng way and constructi
2		North St. Bridge (Third St. in Kingston to Pa. Ave. in Wilkes-Barre).	279	17	*		2.00	Need funds for rig Barre, and constru Third St. to Bridg River St. to Pa. A
5		North St. from Pa. Ave. to Int. 81	278-279	18 & 19		0.41	5.6	Need funds for rig construction.
11	<u>Topics Programs</u>	<u>Topics-Wilkes-Barre City</u>	285, 286, and 287		*	0.60		Satisfactory
12		Topics outside Wilkes-Barre					*	Need funds for eng way and constructi
7	<u>Downtown Distributor</u>	North Section (Pa. Blvd. to L R 1052)	128-277	E-1			1.2	Need funds for eng
9		South Section (Pa. Blvd. to L R 786)		E-2			0.7	Need funds for eng

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8	<u>River Street in Wilkes-Barre</u> North Street to L R 1052					0.3	Need funds for eng of way and constr
10	North to South Streets	105	14	*			Satisfactory
13	<u>Route 309 Relocated (Spring St. Bypass, Wilkes-Barre City and Twp.).</u>	109	20		0.67	0.7	Needs funds for ri construction.
					<u>\$14.83</u>	<u>\$11.5</u>	

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Judge Max Rosenn *and A. Harrigan*
FROM: Ed Schechter
DATE: September ¹⁴ 5, 1972
SUBJECT: ~~Highway Priorities~~

STRESSTEEL

*received after
my memo of
9/5 to A.H.*

Satisfactory Progress is being made on the North Street and the North Cross Valley Expressway bridges. However, these bridges must also be adequately connected to the highways on both sides of the Susquehanna River. For these connections, it is essential that they be either on a previously approved capital budget for highway improvements of the State or on the 1972-73 capital budget so that they can be started in the near future. This is a separate budget, from the general budget of the State Legislature. Sections 1 and 2 of the N X Valley are on previously approved capital budgets. (See attached sheet). Section 1 (West of the River) is on the proposed 1972-73 budget.

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this to
Rosenn
or
Harrigan
as A.H.
told me
on 9/13
he
had
started
action*

Concerning the North Street Bridge, all three sections need to be put on the proposed capital budget as indicated.

In addition, money should be placed on the Capital Budget for engineering only for the downtown distributor, particularly the northern section, River Street from North St. to the N X Valley Expressway and Route 309 relocated (Spring St. Bypass).

The improvements already proposed in the Capital Budget by Penn DOT amount to \$14.83 million. Those that are essential to be added total \$11.5 million. These do not include the cost of the North Street Bridge.

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TO

Mr. Tom Kiley

FROM

STRESSTEEL CORPORATION

221 Conyngham Avenue

Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

SUBJECT: FRTF Inc / Planning Committee - WVSanitary Auth.

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DATE

9/8/72

MESSAGE

I am enclosing copies of my correspondence with Max Rosen on this subject. I know that Lester Shapiro would be anxious to work on this project and will cooperate in any way possible. Please call me if I can be of any help.

9/14 This task has been given to
a sub committee of
Quinn's committee. -

DATE

SIGNED

REPLY

Ed

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4.	Edward J. Fataicher		●		Edwardsville
5.	Albert Fladd	○			
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12.	Wm J. Pearce	○			
13.	Mitchell Plissett			②	Plymouth
14.	Patrick J. Pugliese		●		W-B
15.	Samson S. Russin		●		Plains
16.	Lester Shapiro	○			WB
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18.	Stanley Sowa	○			
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STRESSTEEL CORPORATION

221 Conyngham Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18702
717-825-7381

September 18, 1972

Mr. Andrew Shaw
Executive Director
Flood Recovery Task Force, Inc.
Sterling Hotel
Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18701

Re: Flood Recovery Task Force, Inc.
Committee on Transportation

Dear Andy:

I thought it might be useful for you to have this summary of the mission, organization, and activities of my committee. The area in which we deal is highly complicated and this may allow you, Jim, Betty and others to more quickly become aware of what we are doing.

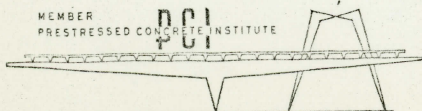
If you feel it useful, you certainly could distribute the summary to other members of the Task Force Executive Committee. The August 25th report to the Luzerne County Commissioners I do not believe should receive wide distribution at this time.

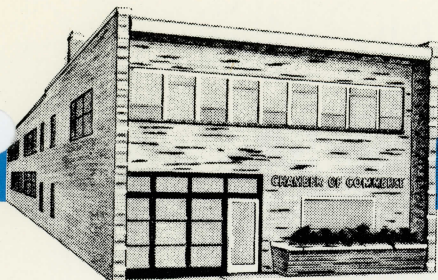
Sincerely,



E. Schechter

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GREATER WILKES-BARRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING • WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA 18701 • AREA CODE 717
TELEPHONE 823-2101

September 20, 1972

*Individual name, address & salutations.
Put Commissioners and all municipalities
along each side of River
Duck*

Feeling that the circumstances of the times and the uncertainties which exist in the minds of the people of our valley demand a united, simple, straight forward position regarding Susquehanna River flood control measures, the Executive Committee of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce has adopted the attached resolution which it will submit to its board of directors on September 29, 1972.

Assuming this resolution is formally adopted, it will be sent to the Army Corps of Engineers, the Susquehanna River Basin Commission, our representatives in Congress and the Commonwealths' General Assembly and to any agencies directly or indirectly related to the problem we desire to resolve.

We hope you will see fit to take similar action. If you can do so by September 29, when our board meets, we will appreciate hearing from you. However, if it is impossible to do so we would like to hear from you when such action has been taken.

Sincerely,

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Roy E. Morgan
President

STRESSTEEL

RESOLUTION

THE COMMUNITIES OF WYOMING VALLEY ARE DETERMINED TO
REBUILD ON THEIR LANDS AS THESE EXISTED JUNE 22, 1972,
AND RESOLVED THAT THE "FLOOD PLAIN" IS AND SHALL REMAIN
ONLY THAT AREA WITHIN THE FLOOD CONTROL SYSTEM. IT IS
THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS --- LOCAL, STATE
AND FEDERAL --- TO SO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN THAT FLOOD
CONTROL SYSTEM, IN ALL ITS COMPONENTS FROM LEVEES TO DAMS,
AS TO INSURE THAT THE FLOOD PLAIN SHALL REMAIN WITHIN THAT
FLOOD CONTROL SYSTEM.

Adopted this 29 day of September 1972

Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce

FROM: Ed Schechter

TO:

DATE:

CEG

92 South Franklin Street
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania
18701
(717) 823-7728

Flood Recovery Task Force, Inc.
Transportation Subcommittee
Summary of Present Status

1. Mission and Objectives.

1.1 To speed the development of a balanced transportation system in the flood damaged Wyoming Valley and its immediate contiguous communities.

1.2 To expedite and coordinate the efforts of Federal, State, County, and municipal officials in achieving solutions to transportation problems.

1.3 To remain aware of planning for transportation needs in the community, to direct planning efforts towards maximum achievement of a balanced transportation system, and to accept leadership in planning when such leadership is lacking from the established governmental agencies.

1.4 To act as a clearing house for transportation related complaints and suggestions between and among the public, the governmental agencies, and the political groups in this community.

2. Organization.

2.1 The committee is broken down into task groups which operate autonomously but which coordinate with the Chairman and regularly discuss their progress with the committee as a whole.

2.2 The following task groups and their Chairmen are now working in this field:

North Street bridge and connections, Ed Heiselberg.
North Cross Valley Expressway and connections, Cliff Bigelow.
Immediate Action, Traffic Control, Leo Corbett and Tom Bigler.
Downtown Distributor, Jack Schmitt.
Planning Coordination, Tom Kiley.
Mass Transit, Jack Conyngham and E. Schechter.

2.3 Meetings. The committee meets regularly each Thursday morning at 8:00 for one hour. All interested FRTF members are encouraged to attend.

3. Activities.

The principal activities of the task groups are as follows:

3.1 North Street Bridge.

- (1) Obtaining realistic schedule dates for design, review, hearings, clearances, contract lettings, and construction of both the temporary and permanent structures.
- (2) Monitoring these schedules and interceding with local, State, or Federal offices to expedite when necessary.
- (3) Reviewing details of structures, intersection, etc., as they become available and insuring that all necessary local political and commercial interests are aware of the details and planning at an early stage.
- (4) Initiating efforts to settle out of court the citizens complaints requesting an injunction against PennDOT's plan to straighten and widen River Street from Northampton Street to North Street.
- (5) Insuring that North Street projects are placed on the capital budget for 1972 - 1973.

3.2 North Cross Valley Expressway.

- (1), (2), and (3), same tasks as first three listed above.
- (4) Initiating efforts to settle out of court the plaintiff actions against PennDOT in order to expedite construction of Section 1, (North side of river), and Section 3, (South side of river).

3.3 Immediate Action - Traffic.

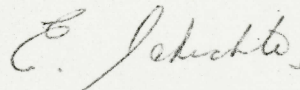
Maintaining daily contact with PennDOT's traffic department and special consultants, Boles and Smyth, in achieving improvements of traffic flow in the city and surrounding communities. The planning details of 82 traffic improvements have been completed. Of these, 39 will be under contract before the end of this week. It will be necessary to monitor the progress of these immediate action efforts and implement the remaining designs. Funding is not now a problem.

3.4 Downtown Distributor.

No action, other than monitoring efforts of planning agencies, is underway at the present time.

3.5 Mass Transit.

Directing the county commissioners towards a realization of the problems of mass transit and suggesting the formation of a County public transit authority, (see Report attached). Attending meetings among PennDOT, UMTA, and county task groups, preparing requests for a two year demonstration (operating) grant, subsequent to the take over of mass transit in this community by the transit authority, and a capital equipment grant for 55 new buses for this community. Negotiating for the necessary financial support for the demonstration program, and capital grants.



E. Schechter
Chairman - Transportation Subcommittee

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September 29, 1972

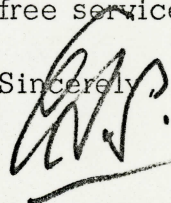
To:
Frank Henry
Jack Holt
Ed Heiselberg
Ralph Johnston

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing correspondence received today from E. W. Putnam, General Counsel, Amalgamated Transit Union. This matter is somewhat beyond my capabilities of fully comprehending or commenting on and I would appreciate your suggestions.

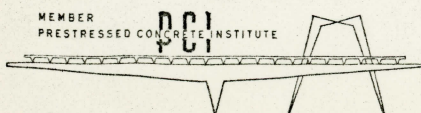
I am particularly puzzled by the sharp differences which I see between the union's proposal for an agreement, and the letter of September 25th. I am also concerned by what I believe is the ambiguity of the second paragraph of the letter of September 25th. Specifically, what happens to those employees who are laid off subsequent to the discontinuance of the fare-free service - say two to four months later, upon a reduction of service, and yet who were hired on or after July 10, 1972? We cannot get stuck with having to keep everybody hired after July 10th, who remained employed after the start of fare-free service.

Sincerely,



E. Schechter

ES/k
cc: Jim Scheiner



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September 29, 1972

Mr. E. Wideman, Chairman
Luzerne County Commissioners
Luzerne County Court House
Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18701

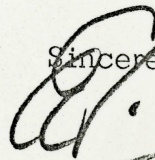
Dear Ed:

This is just to advise you that starting in October, my schedule is going to require that I am out of Wilkes-Barre a considerable number of days. I will be in Atlanta from October 6th through October 12th, in New York the 13th and 14th and 15th, and in Chicago the 30th and 31st. Between the 15th and 30th I may have to take a quick trip to the West Coast.

The above is a lot more like my normal traveling schedule rather than the circumstances which kept me pretty much in Wilkes-Barre during the last two months.

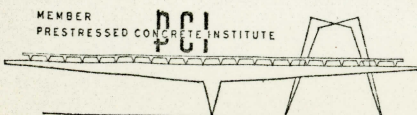
It is principally for this reason that I have told you that I could not offer a substantial amount of my time to Transit Authority affairs. I hope that you will recognize this. In the days when I am in Wilkes-Barre, I will do my best to work with you and the Transit Authority towards the fulfillment of our expectations for this exciting new venture. I am sure you also realize that you have my support, backing, and time for any other projects which you feel are worthwhile within this community.

Sincerely,



E. Schechter

ES/k



LUZERNE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

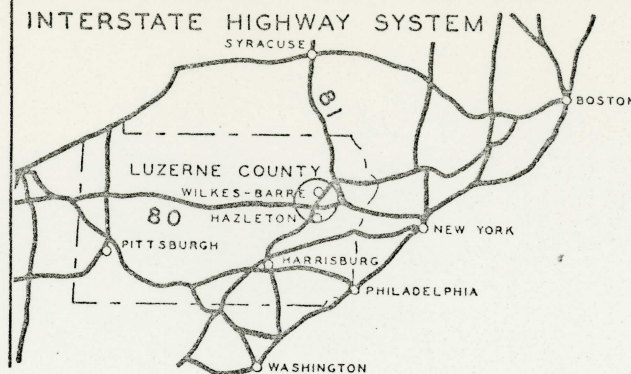
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September 28, 1972

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The Honorable
Congressman Daniel J. Flood
447 Cannon Bldg.
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Dan:

The construction of several sewage collection systems in municipalities in Luzerne County are being held up by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) because the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority has not submitted an implementation schedule satisfactory to EDA the Pa. Dept. of Environmental Resources, (DER) and settlement of the litigation by DER ordering the Authority to upgrade treatment.

Enclosed is a letter dated March 8, 1972 from the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority Engineer to Glace and Glace, the consultant for Jenkins Township and a letter from Warren Carter of EPA to HUD. The former gives a time table for converting from primary to secondary treatment.

It is the position of the Luzerne County Planning Commission that these municipalities should not be held up in constructing their sewage collection systems. At least their sanitary sewage would be given primary treatment, rather than be dumped raw into the Susquehanna River thereby reducing or eliminating a health problem. It will take several

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The Honorable Daniel J. Flood
September 28, 1972

years to construct the municipal collection system, by which time the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority may have converted to secondary treatment. The longer the communities are delayed, the more obsolete their sewage plan becomes, the more it will cost them and the Federal and the State government with construction costs rising about 10 per cent a year. The commission is also fearful that these communities might lose their grant allocation if this matter is delayed too long.

Yours truly,

Edward Heiselberg, Director of Planning
Luzerne County Planning Commission

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Enc.

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ELMER BOYDALL, Chairman
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May 5, 1972

William A. DeGillio
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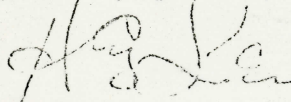
RE: Jenkins Township
Sanitary Sewer Collection
System

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that we are presently in litigation concerning the upgrading of our treatment plant to secondary levels and that court order will not be lifted until August 8, 1972.

If there are any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

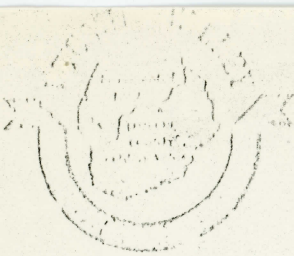
Very truly yours,


Henry Levi
Executive Director

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(Natick)

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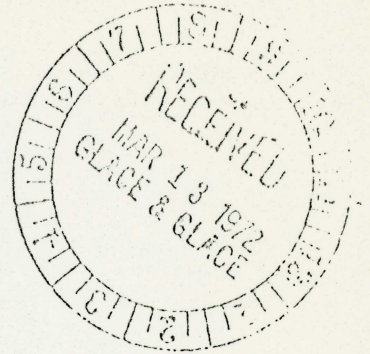
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ELMER FOIAIR, Chairman
HARRY L. HVI, Executive Director
EDWARD M. McLAUGHLIN, District Manager
JOSEPH L. MINKEL, P.E.,
Supervisory Sanitary Engineer

March 8, 1972

Glace & Glace, Inc.
Consulting Engineers
2771 Paxton Street
Harrisburg, Pa. 17111

Attention: Brian W. Justh
Grants Supervisor



Dear Mr. Justh:

We are pleased to reply to your recent letter concerning the Township of Jenkins, and the application for grants. The information requested is as follows:

1. The present facilities of the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority include approximately 30 miles of interceptor sewers, 20 pumping stations, and the main treatment plant. The present main plant facilities are designed and constructed to provide primary treatment including grit removal, solids collection and incineration, chlorination in-plant and final effluent for a volume of 40 MGD. The plant is located in Luzerne County, Hanover Township, at 1000 Wilkes-Barre Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, 18702. The treated effluent is discharged into the Susquehanna River. The discharged volume is usually in the range of 1-2% of the flow in the river.

2. The 1970 average flow to the plant was at an average of 22.0 MGD. In 1971 the average was 27.3 MGD. B.O.D. removal averaged 46.0%, and suspended solids removal averaged 56.0% in 1970. In 1971 the B.O.D. removal averaged 30%, and the suspended solids removal averaged 48.5%.

3. The design capacity of the plant is 40 MGD, BOD removal 35%; and suspended solids removal 50%.

4. The receiving water course is the Susquehanna River. It's average flow in the Wyoming Valley is 13,000 cfs. It drains an upstream area of approximately 10,000 square miles. The state's program is to have the stream brought up to aquatic and recreation water quality. The program is well underway. The Lackawanna River contribution of 500 cfs has a population on it of approximately 375,000, and the communities are in the process of constructing wastewater treatment plants.

5. The present timetable for secondary treatment is somewhat tentative. However, the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority is actively moving ahead on the way to secondary treatment. The present estimated timetable is as follows:

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>TIME</u>
a. Feasibility Report on Secondary	September 1, 1973
b. Preliminary Plans	March 1, 1974
c. Final Plans and Application for Grants	March 1, 1975
d. Advertise for Bids	September 1, 1975
e. Award Contracts	March 1, 1976
f. Start Construction	June 1, 1976
g. Complete Construction	June 1, 1977
h. Begin Secondary Treatment	June 1, 1977

Please write or call for any additional information that may be needed.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph L. Minkin

Joseph L. Minkin, P.E. (Cert Authority)
Supervisory Sanitary Engineer

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U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION III
6th & Walnut Sts., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106

Re: DIUD Project No. WSP-Pa-03-26-1032
Township Board of Supervisors
Luzerne County, Pennsylvania

Mr. Douglas E. Chaffin, Director
Operations Division
Department of Housing and Urban Development
Curtis Building, 6th and Walnut Streets
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106

Dear Mr. Chaffin:

This is in response to your request for an adequacy of treatment certification for the referenced project.

The proposed project is tributary to the existing Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority treatment facility which is presently a primary degree treatment facility. For this office to provide an adequacy of treatment certification for a project, a minimum of secondary degree treatment must be available, or an implementation schedule to upgrade treatment to meet the water quality standards of the receiving stream must have been approved by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority has been ordered by the State agency to upgrade treatment to secondary levels and implementation of the order is presently in litigation. Upon final disposition of this legal aspect and the submission of an implementation schedule acceptable to the EPA and the State, the referenced project may again be submitted for certification.

In the meantime, we are not in a position to issue a certification as to the adequacy of the treatment facilities available to serve the project.

Sincerely yours,

Warren L. Carter

Warren L. Carter, Chief
Municipal Facilities Branch

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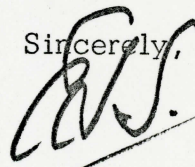
September 29, 1972

Mr. Jacob G. Kassab
Secretary of Transportation
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
Commonwealth and Forster Streets
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Jake:

Before too much time passes, I want you to know how much I appreciate the cooperation which you and your associates have given to us in the formation of a demonstration program for transit in Luzerne County. Without the help and money you provided, what we will be doing would have been impossible. Speaking on behalf of the Luzerne County Commissioners and the Flood Recovery Task Force, Inc., please accept my thanks.

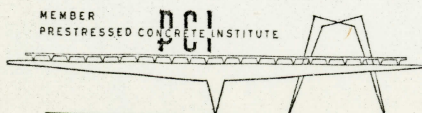
Sincerely,



E. Schechter

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cc: E. Wideman, Chairman
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