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Howe County, Inc. subcommittee on  
Transportation, 1973 January: Correspondence, 1972 December  
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PENNDOT BUDGET 1972-73

Major items for Luzerne County

Wyoming Valley

1. LR 170 #309, W-B Township from LR 40090 to 1052  
2.6 miles DESIGN COST \$670,000.
2. DOWNTOWN DISTRIBUTOR Pennsylvania Avenue to 1052  
2.1 miles DESIGN COST \$1,200,000.
3. RIVER STREET from North St to 1052 DESIGN COST \$200,000.
4. Section #1 NORTH CROSS VALLEY EXPRESSWAY  
Luzerne to Susquehanna River CONSTRUCTION \$5,900,000.
5. PIERCE ST, KINGSTON ( C O N F I D E N T I A L )  
Wyoming Avenue to 3rd Avenue CONSTRUCTION \$1,660,000.
6. PIERCE & NORTH STS  
3rd Ave, Kingston to Penna Ave, W-B CONSTRUCTION \$1,950,000.
7. NORTH STREET EXTENSION  
Pennsylvania Ave to I-81 CONSTRUCTION \$4,260,000.
8. TOPICS PROGRAM, Wilkes-Barre CONSTRUCTION \$325,000.

In addition there is several hundred thousand dollars more allocated for major road repair and resurfacing within the Wyoming Valley area.

# STRESSTEEL CORPORATION

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

December 4, 1972

Mr. Tom Bigler  
W B R E  
62 S. Franklin St.  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18701

Dear Tom:

I am enclosing correspondence from Boles, Smyth Associates. The status of the Emergency Traffic Operations Program is unclear to me. From what Jack Smyth says, it looks as if it is coming to a grinding halt from lack of funds both for final design and implementation. Do you have the same opinion? If so, it can be serious and I believe there are many things we can do to try and move this along.

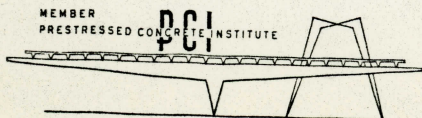
I would appreciate your evaluating this between now and the time of our next meeting on Thursday, December 14th, so we can discuss it in more detail at that time.

I will be out of town on the 6th and 7th, but if you would like to call, I will be here all other days before our meeting.

Sincerely,

ES/k  
encs.

E. Schechter



# FLOOD RECOVERY TASK FORCE, INC.

HOTEL STERLING

WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA 18701

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Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

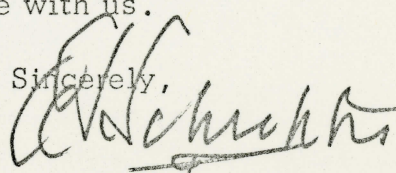
Dear Governor Shapp:

On behalf of the Flood Recovery Task Force, Inc., please accept my thanks for coming to Wilkes-Barre yesterday to help us celebrate the reopening of the North Street bridge.

This reconstructed bridge is a shining symbol of the major strides which have been taken by the people of Wyoming Valley in recovering from last June's disaster. It is also a symbol of the wonderful cooperation which we have had from you, your Cabinet, and particularly from Secretary Kassab and the Department of Transportation.

We are honored that you felt this bridge opening worthy of taking so many hours from your busy schedule, and thank you again for sharing this time with us.

Sincerely,



E. Schechter, Chairman  
Transportation Committee

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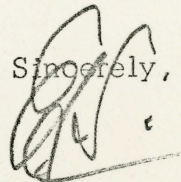
Mr. David Schooley  
Fowler, Dick & Walker  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18701

Dear Dave:

On behalf of the Flood Recovery Task Force, Inc., and all the many others who were your guests at yesterday's luncheon, I take this opportunity to thank you for your generous hospitality. I believe yesterday's party is indicative of the new interest and relationship which has been established among our community and the Federal and State Highway people responsible for reconstruction and new construction. The feeling of good will which permeated that affair will go a long way towards insuring that the structures and highways we so desperately need are completed at the earliest possible time.

Many thanks once again for your help in making yesterday's lunch a memorable affair.

Sincerely,



ES/k

E. Schechter, Chairman  
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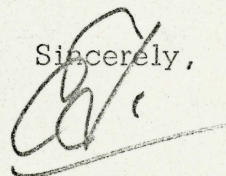
Dear Jake:

Just a note to thank you for coming to Wilkes-Barre and sharing with us the happy reopening of the North Street bridge. I know how demanding this type of travel can be on your tight schedule and I hope it was worthwhile. We in Wyoming Valley realize that the wonderful spirit and cooperation among the local community, the State Department of Transportation, and the Federal Department of Transportation and Federal Highway representatives exhibited at yesterday's affair, is a tribute to your efforts on our behalf.

No one knows better than you how far we have to go before the transportation system of this area is at the minimum level acceptable to all of us, but with continued dedication by all of us, similar to the spirit and accomplishments of the last four months, I am optimistic that it can be promptly completed.

Many thanks again for coming. I look forward to seeing you on January 11th.

Sincerely,



ES/k

E. Schechter, Chairman  
Transportation Committee

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January 4, 1973

Mr. Jacob G. Kassab  
Secretary of Transportation  
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Department of Transportation  
Harrisburg, Pa. 17120

Re: Luzerne County Transportation Authority -  
Opening New Office

Dear Jake:

Confirming our discussion of yesterday, we would be honored if you could spend a few minutes prior to the Chamber of Commerce reception on January 11th to come to the new office of the Luzerne County Transportation Authority for an official "opening". The offices will be ready early that week, but we could build a good press announcement around an official opening with your appearance.

As I visualize it, we would have only a few officials there, Mayor Salwoski, City Manager Bernard Gallaher, Commissioner Wideman, and members of the Transportation Authority. There will be a brief handshaking ceremony and a photograph in front of the systems map, and that would be all. I can see us in and out of there in 15 minutes.

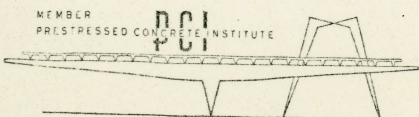
What I suggest is that I pick you up at the Treadway at 4:30, we drive together into town, go into the offices for the greetings and picture, and return immediately to the Treadway. I am sure I will have you back there by 5:00. Unless I hear from you to the contrary, I will assume this schedule is OK. I look forward to seeing you next week. Many thanks in advance.

Sincerely,

E. Schechter

ES/k

cc: Jerry Eddy,  
Executive Director, LCTA





COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120

OFFICE OF  
SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

January 8, 1973

Mr. Edward Schechter, Chairman  
Transportation Committee  
Flood Recovery Task Force, Inc.  
Hotel Sterling  
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18701

Dear Ed:

I was almost as happy to receive your note as I was being in Wilkes-Barre last week. Believe me, Wednesday was one of the best days of my life. I still can't believe that birthday cake.

I'm very happy that everyone is excited about the opening of the bridge and more than happy that we were able to accomplish this so quickly. It couldn't have been done without your help, Ed. You, Judge Rosenn and the other fine people up there really contributed a lot. You can be sure that Governor Shapp recognized all of that.

I'll see you Thursday, and thanks again for your letter.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. Kassab'.

Jacob Kassab  
Secretary of Transportation

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January 11, 1973

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

Dear Max:

I know you will be happy to see the letter which I received today from Jake Kassab. I am sorry you were not able to be at that luncheon but it did go well, and the FRTF received very good publicity.

Sincerely,

ES/k  
attach.

E. Schechter

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